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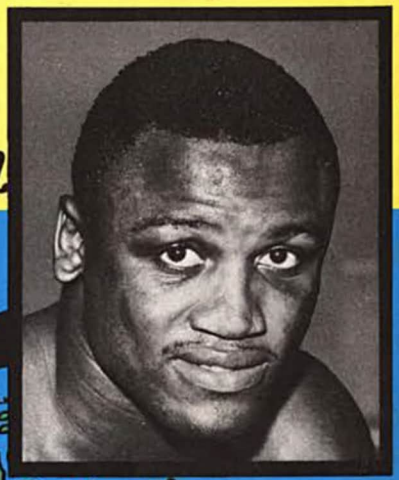

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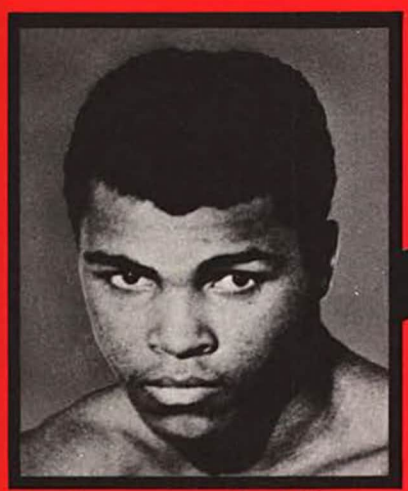

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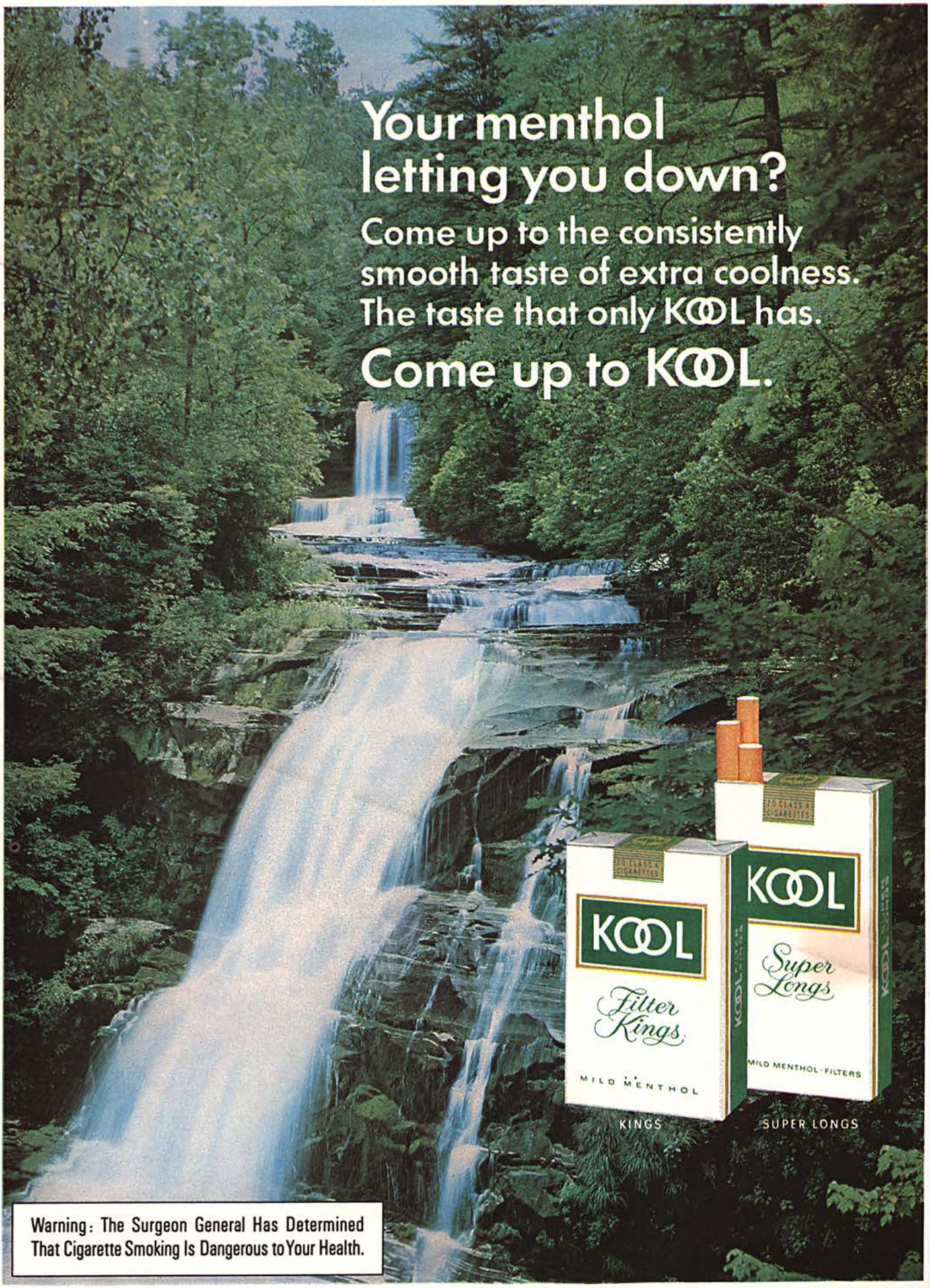


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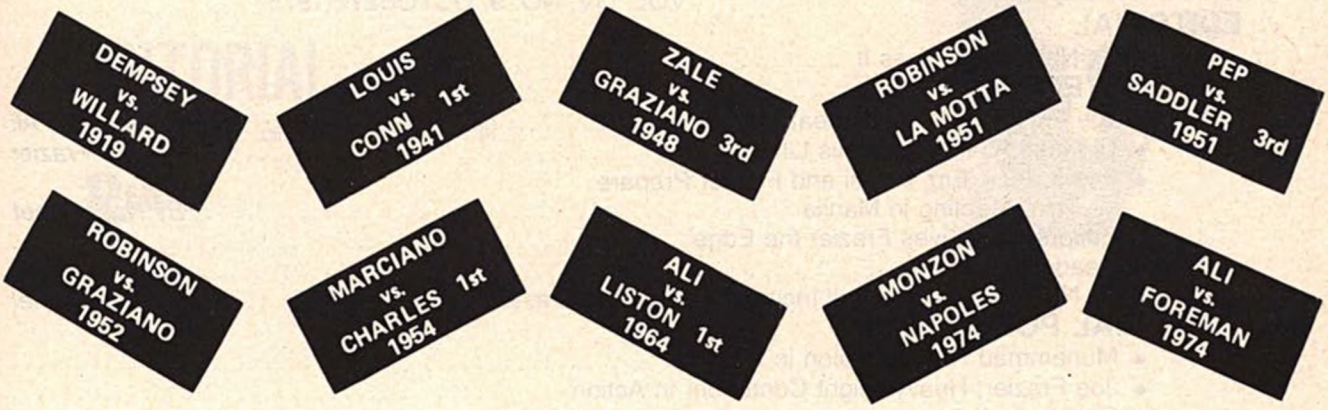


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# EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of

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IN one of the Punch Lines in this issue of The Ring, a reader accuses the magazine of overplaying the heavyweights and underplaying fighters of the lesser weight divisions.

These accusations have been repeated and repeated and the time has come to give the magazine a chance to defend itself.

The Ring has been playing the heavyweights big because its readers have wanted it that way.

A good part of the fault lies with the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council, whose animosity toward each other prevents the establishment of recognized world champions and has set up dual titles and prevented concentration on single, universally acclaimed champions. This has impaired the boxing enthusiams of the public.

The heavyweight class is the only one which the rival organizations have not interfered. Not that they have not tried. They have tried to hurt even the standing of Carlos Monzon as the king of the middleweights.

The war between the WBA and the WBC has diffused public interest in the sub-heavyweight divisions.

The Ring has made every effort to strengthen fan interest in all of the divisions from flyweight through the light heavyweight divisions but the public keeps shouting "Ali, Ali."

This is a magazine catering to the public interest and to the welfare of the sport.

While the millions keep shouting "Ali" the Ring cannot fight back for the lesser divisions by squeaking back, "Duran." Or "Oliveras."

Ring covers feature stories stressing heavyweights have done the best business for the publication and to date The Ring is a successful business enterprise.

In recognition of this fact The Ring has accepted the strong heavyweight interest as an order from the Public to give it what it wants. It is as simple as that.

There is another split in reader interest. The Old Timer demands a good percentage of stories about old time fighters. The younger contingent wants a strong percentage of features about battlers of today.

This division of concern presents a perplexing duo of mandates which the responsible editors sometimes find most difficult to follow.

At times it is almost impossible to understand reasons expressed in the partisan mail.

In a recent issue The Ring found it necessary to print an extended obituary of Willie Ritchie, onetime lightweight champion of the world.

A reader in Boston, obviously a young reader,—wrote that he resented "the waste of space" an oldtimer had suggested that Richie could have been dismissed with a paragraph and the space thus made available be given to Arguello.

Often likes and dislikes are dictated by racial reasons.

Recently, The Ring engaged a writer in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to do a feature story on Carlos Monzon. A reader sent in vehement protest that the space should have been given to Panamanian Duran, "The greatest lightweight in the history of boxing, a greater fighter than Leonard and Gans."

Sometimes matters of local circulation dictate story selection. These, too, often arouse dissent.

As the Spaniard says, "Quien sabe?" Who knows? It's all in fun.

JOE FRAAAZ-IUH will never beat me. Joe Fraaaz-iuh must fall. We have fought twice and I have beaten him twice but the ring record shows we have each one victory. But everybody, and Joe Fraaaz-iuh, also, knows that I am the best man and have always been the best man.

I have found the secret of being young in the ring. I grow older in age but better physically because I know how to train and how to fight. I also fight more than all the others. Since my last fight with Fraaz-iuh, January 28, 1974, I have fought George Foreman, Chuck Wepner, Ron Lyle and Joe Bugner. With the Fraaaz-iuh fight, I have boxed 61 rounds. In that same time, Fraaaz-iuh has fought only 26 rounds.

**By MUHAMMAD ALI**
**HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD**

# "JOE FRAZIER WILL NEVER BEAT ME"

I do what I have to do. Everybody thought that George Foreman would tear me to pieces, knock me out. I fooled them all. A man must be the master of himself when he fights. He must know what he can do and he cannot do. I have learned to stay in condition good enough to beat the man I am fighting. Each fight I condition myself a little better. I was only half right for Chuck Wepner and just a little bit better for Lyle. For Joe Bugner, I was even better because he is young and strong. I punched and I danced and it was an easy fight because there was nothing he could do about it.

Now, for Joe Fraaaz-iuh, not because he is better than the others, but because he talks too much and shows no respect, I will be as good as I was against George Foreman. Maybe better, if that is possible. I must teach Joe Fraaz-iuh a lesson he will never forget. He must show me respect and the only way he will tell the world I am the better man is to make sure of it in the ring by giving him the worst whuppin' of his life.

There is no way Joe Fraaaz-iuh can win. He couldn't do it in 1971, when I came back after no fighting for more than three years. He can't do it now because he has never learned to keep up with the times. He can only think about what he would like to

**"I have found the secret of being young in the ring."**

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**"I am not a man who likes to hurt people in the ring . . . I don't want to hurt Joe Fraaaz-iuh."**

**"Joe Fraaaz-iuh is telling everybody about his new right hand. I hope he does have one."**

**Ali says of Frazier, "He must show me respect and the only way he will tell the world I am the better man is to make sure of it in the ring by giving him the worst whuppin' of his life."**

do and he will make a lot of motions, but his style has always been easy for me. This time, I will not fool with him. I will punish him from the beginning and he will fall.

I am not a man who likes to hurt people in the ring. I don't even like to hurt sparring partners in training. I don't want to hurt Joe Fraaaz-iuh. But when two men fight and the stakes are big — not just the money but the championship of the world — the millions of people who pay to watch are entitled to a great fight. I am sorry that my fights with Wepner, Lyle and maybe even Bugner were not the greatest. It takes two people to make a fight. But I can promise that this one with Fraaz-iuh will be the best ever.

Joe Fraaaz-iuh will be coming straight at me and I will be dancing and punching and dancing. I will hit him so many punches he may even fall early. I must say for Fraaaz-iuh that he has courage and takes a lot of whuppin'. I also hope that he has learned to move a little from just going right at me. He's too easy to hit and I'm too fast with my hands. He took a bad beating from me in both our fights and it did not help him in his later fights. No man can take the kind of punches I put together and not be hurt.

But again, a man must do what he has to do. This is too important a fight for all the world. There is no time for playing. This is a time for fighting and I only hope that Fraaaz-iuh can stay with me. I pray to Allah that he is not hurt.

How will I fight him? How can I tell? With some fighters you can try new things. The Rope-A-Dope worked with Foreman. You can fool others with the Russian Tank and the Mirage. Fraaaz-iuh will be coming after me because he cannot do anything else. If he attacks, I must also attack. That is why Fraaaz-iuh cannot win. That is why Fraaaz-iuh must fall. There is no fighter who can stay with my pace when I am in the condition I will be in.

It's funny how I make public speakers out of fighters. Before they fight me, they don't say much. As

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# "I'LL MAKE ALI FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE"

By JOE FRAZIER

WE HAVE a score to settle — "My Man" and I. I've waited a long time. I'm going to enjoy this one.

Nothing is gonna help him. Clay is going to have to fight. I'll make him fight — fight for his life.

He'll try anything rather than fighting his man. He talks. He taunts. He comes up with gimmicks. He would like to con everyone. But I know him too well. I guess you could say we're not the best of friends.

I apologize! I apologize for not being as flashy as Clay. All I can do is fight! Fight and live my life like a man! His time has come. He's finished!

I'm doing everything natural and easy now. Years ago, I had to think about every move, now it's all instinct.

I'm getting off with my punches better. Not just one or two, but three or four in short bursts. And I don't seem to need the punching room I used to. Everything has been right on schedule.

He won't be fighting a one-armed bandit out there either. I have developed a pretty good right hand too. He got just a little taste of it the last time we met. I used it real good against Jerry Quarry. And it's better now since Eddie (manager-trainer Eddie Futch) and I have been working on it. That right hand makes my left more dangerous.

My hook has that old "zing" again. I don't know where it was but all of a sudden it was back again. Oooooooooweeeee! I feel good.

The big change in my conditioning has been the fact that I have stayed in training. I've also watched my weight and Eddie has stayed with me to keep working on new wrinkles. I used to blow up between fights with long layoffs. It was tough to get myself together and I had to knock off as much as twenty five pounds for a fight. Now, I was just about ten pounds over going into training. I'll probably weight about 210.

What about Clay?

**While relaxing before his daily workout, Joe Frazier muses over his last two fights with Ali, and says about Ali's chances in Manila on October 1, "Nothing is gonna help him. . . .His time has come."**

I was in Malaysia at ringside when he fought Bugner. At a press conference after the fight with Clay, a reporter asked me, "Joe, did you see anything today in Ali that impressed you?"

'Nuthin'!' I replied. "I meant it. He showed me nothin'." I only wished it was me in there instead of Bugner. There wasn't anything new. He didn't follow anything up.

I saw that thing he calls "Rope-A-Dope" in our first fight. I piled up a lot of points when he was layin' on the ropes trying to con everybody. This time it would be suicide for him to do that because I'll punish him. I have my answer for his tactic. He'd just be diggin' his own grave.

Then there's the funny looking defense he calls the "Russian Tank." That's nothing new. Archie Moore had his own version and Clay's copy is a big flop. At least Archie made it work. Clay will just wind up getting hurt with it like so many other imitators have been.

I'll be right in his chest. He can try to move and stick but won't be able to keep it up because of the pressure. He's not used to that kind of pressure. In his recent fights, he's had things too much his own way. Things will be my way this time.

I'll be smokin'. I've taken just about everything he's had to dish out and he's never really hurt me. He knows this even with all his talk about how the referee stopped him from knocking me out in our second fight. He knows whatever he hits me with, I'll be right in his face breathing fire.

One thing Eddie and I will insist on will be the very best officials. We will make sure the officials know exactly what holding is. Clay held round after round in our second fight without being penalized. Eddie and I will be very firm on this and want it understood with all the officials before we approve any appointments. All we want is a clean, hard fight.

I'm just sick of listening to his mouth. There are a lot of people sick and tired of him. How long can you keep taking people for fools? I plan on shutting that mouth — even if it's only for a little while.

He reminds me of a spoiled little child. That constant running off at the mouth. The constant need for recognition. He sounds like a broken record. You must have heard his song a hundred times — I know I have.

I can hear him now. "Ugleee Joe Fray-zee-yahhh. You can't whup me. I'm the baddest niggahh in the world. I'm so pretty they should declare my face a natural resource. Joe Fray-zeee-yahhh is so ugly they should donate his face to the Bureau of Wild Life."

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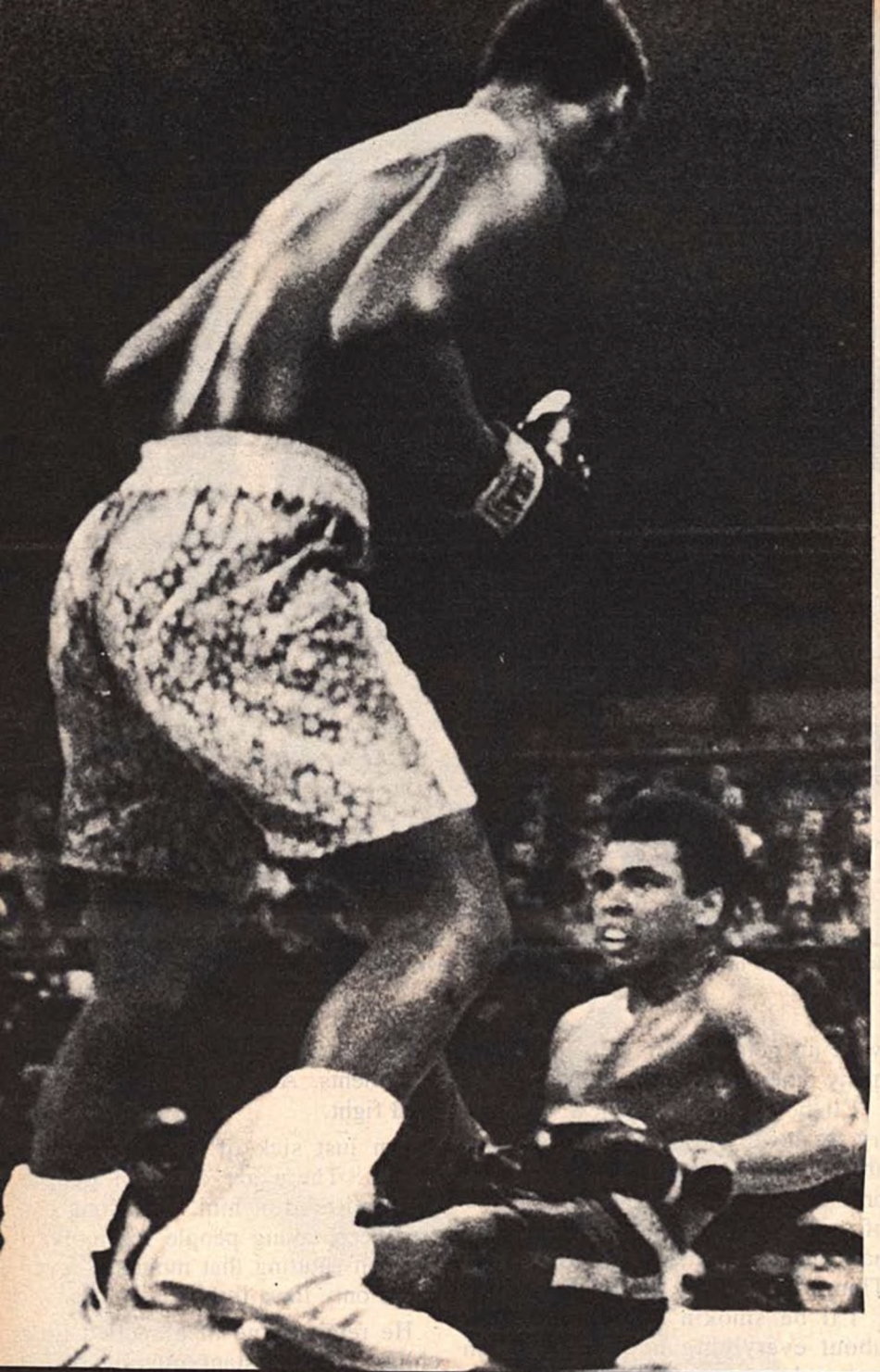

In the 15th round of the first Ali-Frazier bout, Ali was decked for the only knockdown in the fight, and the third in Muhammad's fighting career.

# 6 TO 5, PICK' EM, AS ALI AND FRAZIER PREPARE FOR THIRD MEETING, IN MANILA

## By NAT LOUBET

THE entire boxing world is looking with anticipation to the third meeting between the heavyweight champion, Muhammad Ali, and the former heavyweight title holder, Joe Frazier.

At this writing the fight is a 6 to 5 pick 'em contest with Ali the favorite based on his ability to handle the hot weather and the fact that he has been active, a condition which sharpens the tools of the trade. Ali has knocked out Chuck Wepner in Cleveland in the fifteenth round, in which a willing but lacking in skill Wepner finally ran out of gas after trying desperately for every round to prove that he deserved the chance he had obtained. In the fifteenth he was helpless and Ali finished him off.

Next came Ron Lyle in Las Vegas, and despite Ali's decision to make Lyle spend his strength, the boxing fraternity were amazed at the points being piled up by Ron in their Las Vegas outing.

Had Clay not caught Lyle with a solid left hook and a magnificent right to the jaw it is possible that the title could have changed hands. Lyle was ahead in points up to that decisive eleventh round in which he was knocked out.

There is little to be said about Ali's latest defense against the European heavyweight champion, Joe Bugner. The heat, which registered 105 degrees, was no help to either man, and it was obvious that although Ali was attempting to put his man away, that Bugner was in there to stay the fifteen rounds. He later claimed that the heat kept him from mounting a more forceful attack, but the truth of the matter was that he lacked a big punch and the other finely honed tools necessary to defeat a far superior champion.

Now while Ali has been sharpening up what has Joe Frazier been doing? He has had

only two fights since his last meeting with Ali, the one on June 17, 1974, in which his opponent was a washed up Jerry Quarry, who retired immediately after that bout because he realized that he didn't have "it" anymore. Frazier looked superb in his outing with Quarry. He was a savage, in shape, tiger, who ate up Quarry with ease and relish. But Ali is no Quarry. His other fight was with Jimmy Ellis, whom he iced in five heats.

Let's take a look at the two previous meetings of Ali and Frazier. In their first time around Frazier was the heavyweight champion of the world and Ali, on the comeback trail after two years out of the ring, had demolished Jerry Quarry, in Atlanta, in three rounds and defeated Oscar Bonavena in fifteen via a decision. The time was 1971 and Ali was far from sharp and showed his ring rust.

The pattern of the fight developed with an ever crowding Frazier throwing long left leads and rushing in with other looping lefts to the head and body and an occasional right thrown in close. He never gave Ali a chance to breath, as Ali attempted to dance his way out of trouble. Ali halted occasionally to punch to the body and attempted combinations to Frazier's head, but Ali lacked his old sharpness, missed many of his combinations and found it hard to contain the ever pressing Frazier, who was a perpetual motion machine.

The outstanding moment of the fight was a long looping left hand, thrown by Frazier which landed on Ali's jaw in the fifteenth round and dropped him, for the count of three. He got to his feet and took the mandatory eight count, and was immediately crowded by Frazier, who whaled away with both hands to the face and body of Ali.

Ali backed away before the onslaught. He reeled into the ropes and hung on to Frazier. He made it to the bell, ending the fight with the entire right side of his jaw swollen. Ali left the ring a dejected loser to the champion over fifteen rounds.

Up to the fifteenth round the fight could have gone to either man, but the big fifteenth with a knockdown was the margin that spelled victory for Frazier.

Their second meeting was held in the same ring, New York's Madison Square Garden, on January 28, 1974. Frazier had already lost his title in Jamaica, a year before, to George Foreman when he was knocked out in two rounds for one of boxing's biggest upsets.

The second fight was billed for the American heavyweight title and scheduled for twelve rounds. It was really a battle to determine who would fight the world title holder, George Foreman.

Although the pattern of the second fight was similar to the first meeting, there were differences. Ali did not clown this time and although Frazier continued to move after Ali relentlessly, a sharper, faster, and more determined Ali fought a more sanguine battle.

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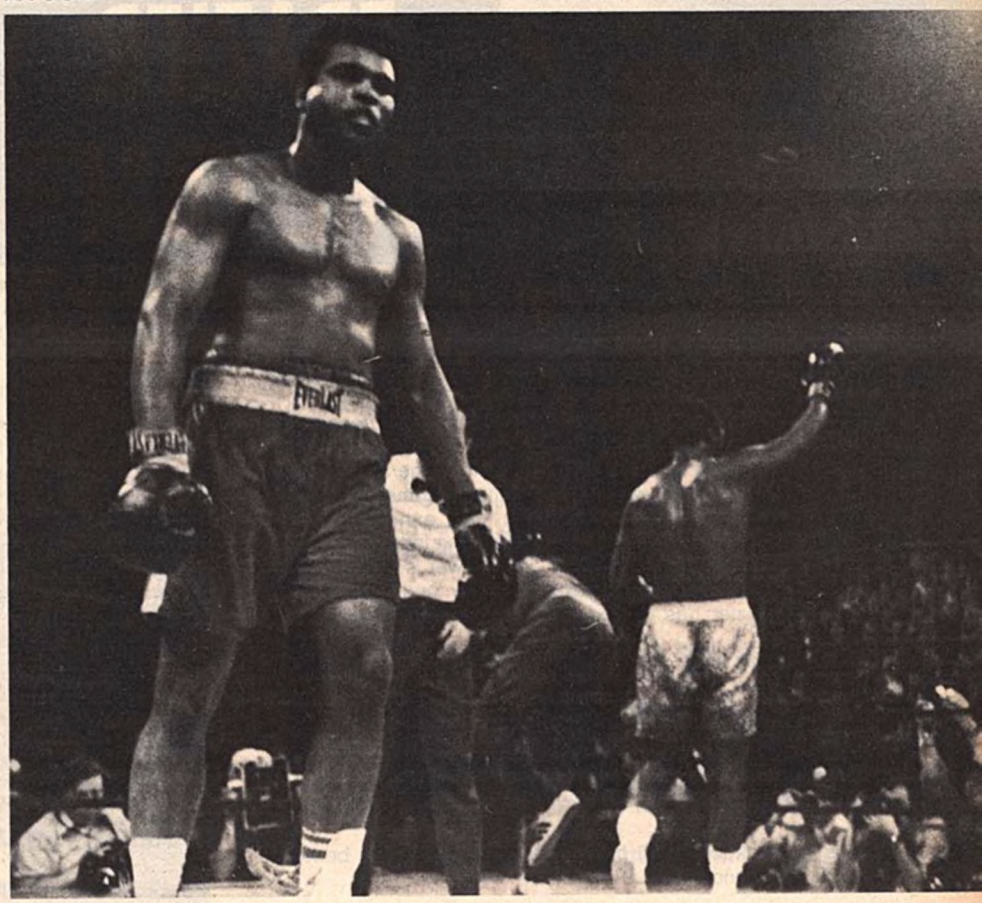
**Frazier is seen trying to block an Ali attack in round 1 of their 1971 match. As the aggressor during most of the 15 rounds, Frazier retained his heavyweight title by unanimous decision.**



**The end of the 1971 fight saw Ali, sporting a badly swollen jaw, walk to his corner in defeat, as the triumphant Frazier received his ovation from the crowd.**

# The RING EDITOR'S POLL GIVES FRAZIER THE EDGE

**Muhammad Ali, two time winner of the world heavyweight title, gained the crown first from Sonny Liston, on February 24, 1964, and then from George Foreman, on October 30, 1974.**

**Joe Frazier was designated world heavyweight champion when he KO'd Jimmy Ellis on February 16, 1970, and he lost the title to George Foreman on January 22, 1973.**

## FRAZIER OR ALI?

By Nat Loubet

The Thriller in Manila, with Joe Frazier attempting to regain his title from Muhammad Ali, should be just that — a thrilling action fight.

Frazier has never been seen in a bad fight and as he himself says "I fight only one way — my way!" His way is to come straight in, in perpetual motion, and blast his man into exhaustion and possible dreamland with his solid left hook or looping left hand.

Can Frazier accomplish this in Manila? The answer is, possibly. We know that both fighters have gone back a long way, and added to this is the rust that Frazier has gained by not being as active as the champion.

Frazier has one big thing going for him, in that the fight will be in an air conditioned arena. In both the Foreman and Bugner fights, Ali's opponents have blamed the heat as part of their problem. Ali, on the other hand seems to glory in the blast furnaces of the hot climes.

The fight should be a corker since Ali is a fighter with great pride and Frazier fighting with all his heart to regain past glories.

The fight may go the limit, in which case Ali should gain the decision.

If there is a knockout, it will be Frazier who achieves it between the 10th and 15th rounds.

## FRAZIER FRESHER

By Dan Daniel

Has Muhammad Ali fought himself out? He has grabbed at his millions and kept himself in training, it seems, without a letup. He looks like a fighter who is rushing toward retirement and is eager to collect as much money as he can bring to the bank before telling his public good bye. Frazier, on the other hand, has not had a sufficent number of fights. He will bring into the Manila ring a greater eagerness, a greater freshness. Joe is not likely to exhaust himself. Ali is likely to enter the ring the favorite but Joe is my choice as the winner.

It should be stressed that when Frazier lost the title it was not, contrary to general belief, to Ali but to George Foreman. When Ali beat Joe in their second fight it was for the U.S. title. Foreman had beaten Joe for the world title.

## ALI BY A KO

By John Ort

Muhammad Ali still has one good fight left in him. He will be pressured by Frazier for the first six rounds, holding his own. After the 6th, Joe will begin to slow up and Ali's right hands will begin to hit the mark. By the 14 round, Joe's face will be puffed-up and his left eye closing. This is the point in the contest when Ali will score the kayo with a hard right to the jaw of the ex-champion.

I see it this way because Ali's career fights were not as tough as Frazier's. Joe has taken a lot of shots in his career and they have now taken their toll. As long as Muhammad's legs are good they will carry him out of trouble. Joe's pins seem to be going. He didn't look good in stopping Ellis his last time out.

Ali has been looking better and better in his last three bouts against Wepner, Lyle and Bugner. It will not be a pretty bout to watch, but neither were the other two. Ali in shape at young 34, is too much for a old thirty-one, for Frazier.

## FRAZIER HAS MORE GUNS

By Sam Taub

Who'll win the rubber match between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier, scheduled for far off Manila? Offhand, I'll say that's a moot question. Never in our long association with boxing, dating from our days back on The Morning Telegraph in the twenties, have we been confronted with such an intriguing problem.

Despite the fact that Frazier was kayoed by George Foreman in a tremendous two round upset in Jamaica, we still believe Frazier is superior to Ali. In our humble opinion, as we stated before in our comments, Joe not only beat Ali in their first fight but clearly outpointed him in their return, despite the unanimous decision handed down against him.

Rumors have it that Frazier is slipping, but we still believe he's got more guns for the coming fight than the man who is again at the head of the class. Despite all this, we again make Frazier our choice but we wouldn't back it up with do-re-me. They say Frazier is on the downgrade. What about Muhammad and his new fangled dancing and other tactics he has introduced into the Marquis of Queensberry game?

# RING READERS PICK ALI

Frazier, glad to stop and chat with a fan, signs an autograph.

**FRAZIER**—He is too strong for Ali. The man punches with great power, while Ali hits like a wash woman. Joe F will kayo Muhammad in 8 rounds.

**Tommy Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.**

**FRAZIER**—Its like a man against a boy. Joe is too tough and will chase Ali all over the ring before he kayos him.

**Lester Jones, Cleveland, Ohio**

**ALI**—Muhammad will dance him to death. He moves too fast, and Frazier will be tired after 5 or 6 rounds and will drop to the deck, like Foreman.

**Felix Perez, Chicago, Ill.**

**ALI**—He beat him twice already, they didn't give Muhammad the first one but he did win. Super-fite III will be the same, Ali all the way.

**Mack Rogers, Miami, Fla.**

**ALI**—Muhammad has the style to beat a Frazier, as long as he moves. Joe will look good for the first 6 rounds. Ali will then box his ears off winning a decision.

**Albert Green, London, England**

**FRAZIER**—Joe will put too much pressure on Ali and after the 6th round, he will kayo the tired champ. There is no way Ali can keep away from a Frazier.

**Juan Gomez, Los Angeles, Calif.**

**ALI**—He is the greatest of them all and Joe Frazier will fall in four.

**Howard White, New Haven, Conn.**

**ALI**—I pick Muhammad Ali over Joe Frazier due to Frazier's inactivity. This will be Ali's last fight and he wants it to be a winning one.

**Kenneth Frymire, Pottstown, Pa.**

**ALI**—I pick Muhammad Ali, because he's the champ and he defeated Frazier the second bout and will again.

**Pryor Bruney, Bronx, New York**

**FRAZIER**—When it comes to heavyweights, punching power will tell. Joe has it, Ali lacks it. I feel that Joe will kayo Ali in 12.

**Pierre Blanchi, Montreal, Canada**

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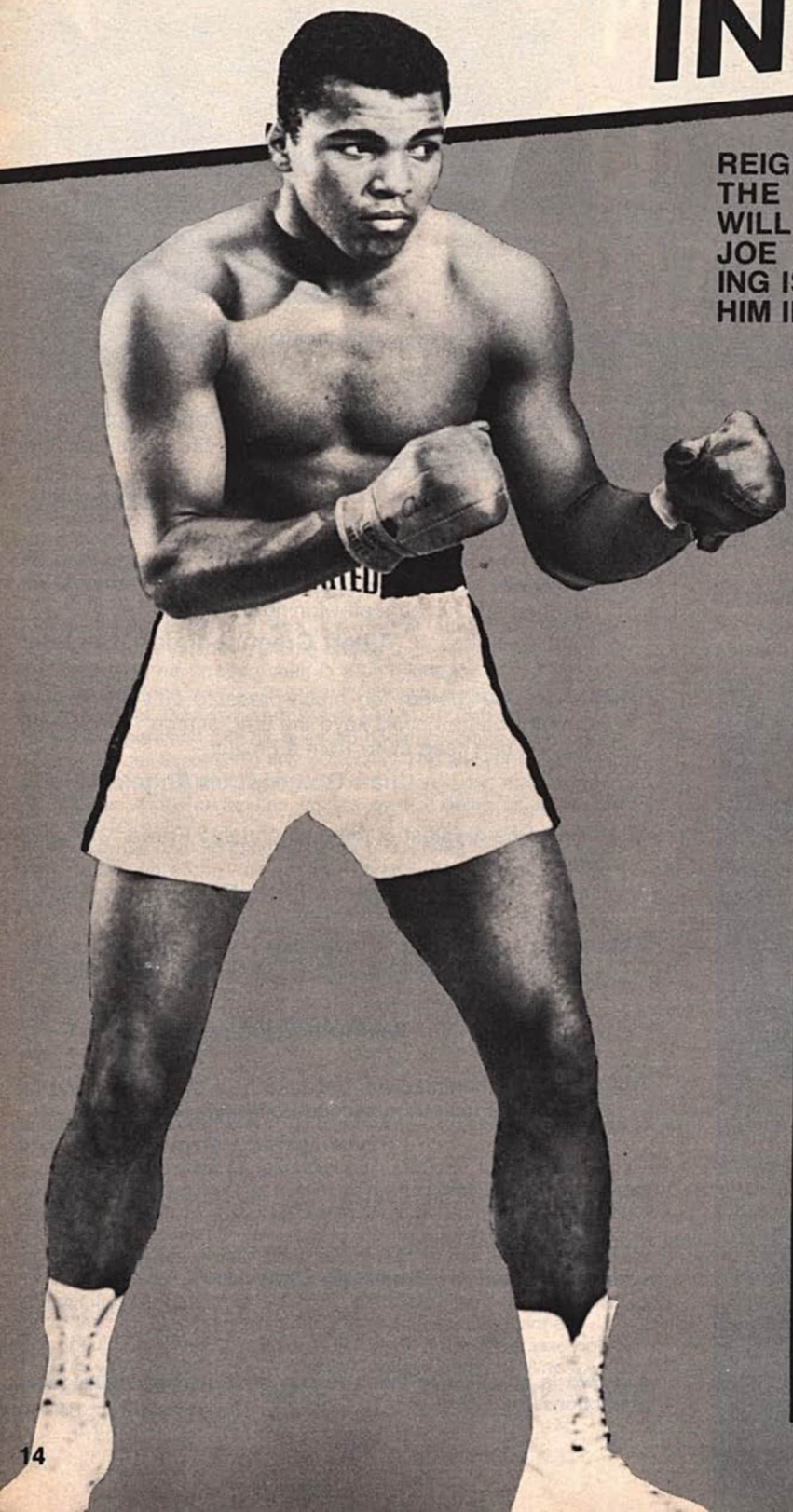
**A crowd is attracted to listen to one of Muhammad Ali's verse predictions.**

# MUHAMMAD ALI CHAMPION IN ACTION



REIGNING HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD, MUHAMMAD ALI, AS HE WILL LOOK TO NUMBER 1 CONTENDER JOE FRAZIER ON OCTOBER 1. FOLLOWING IS ALI AS THE CAMERA HAS CAUGHT HIM IN ACTION.

**Age**
**33**

**Weight**
**225**

**Height**
**6ft. 3in.**

**Reach**
**80in.**

**Biceps**
**15in.**

**Chest**
**(Normal) 43in.**

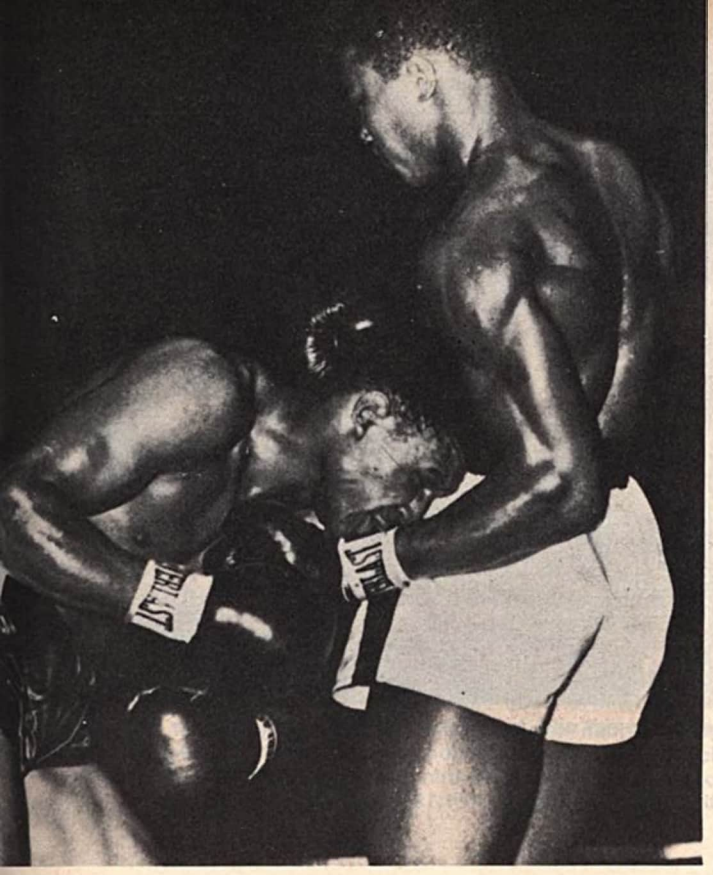
**Chest**
**(Expanded) 45in.**

**Forearm**
**13½in.**

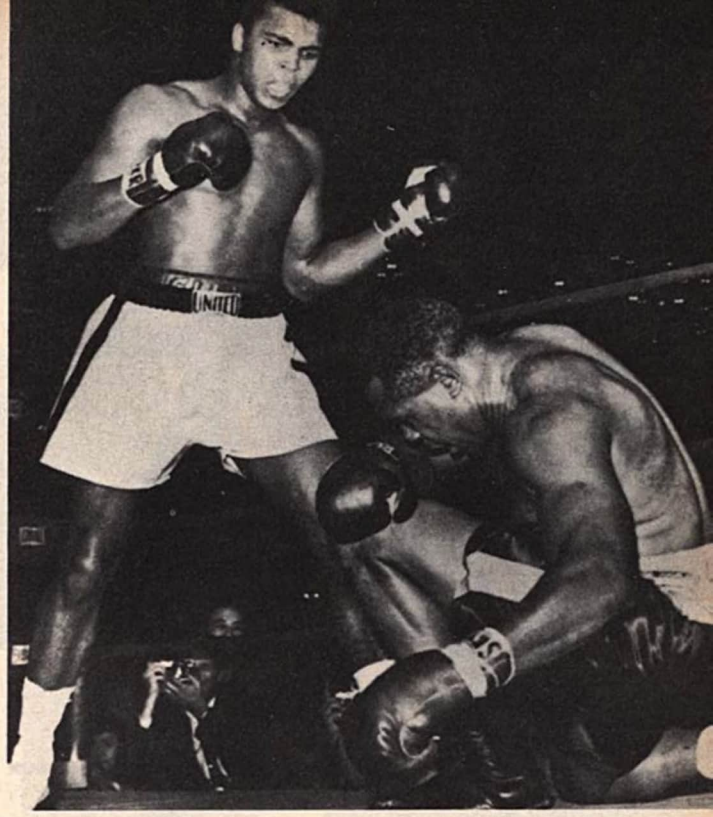
**Thigh**
**26in.**

**Fist**
**13in.**

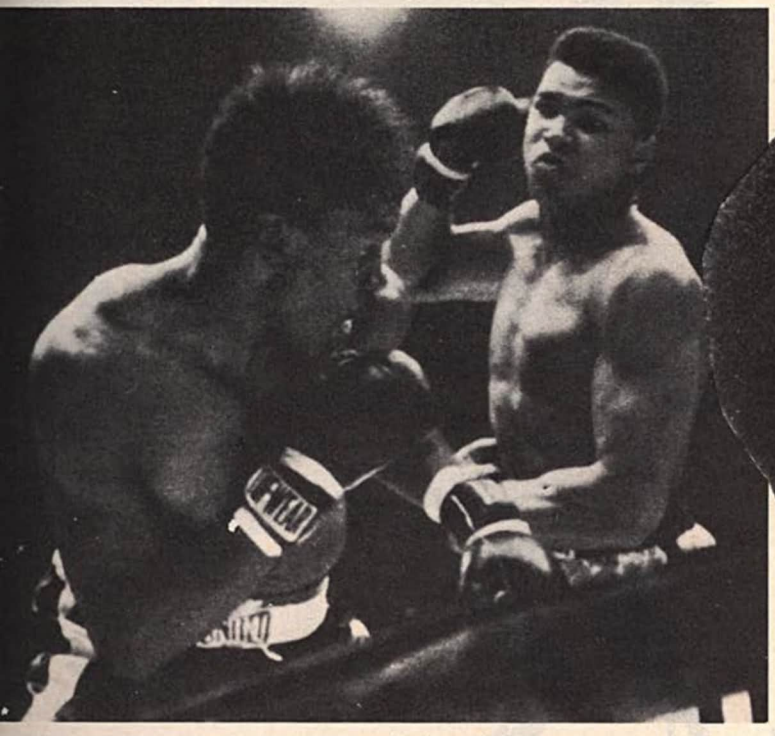
**Calf**
**17in.**

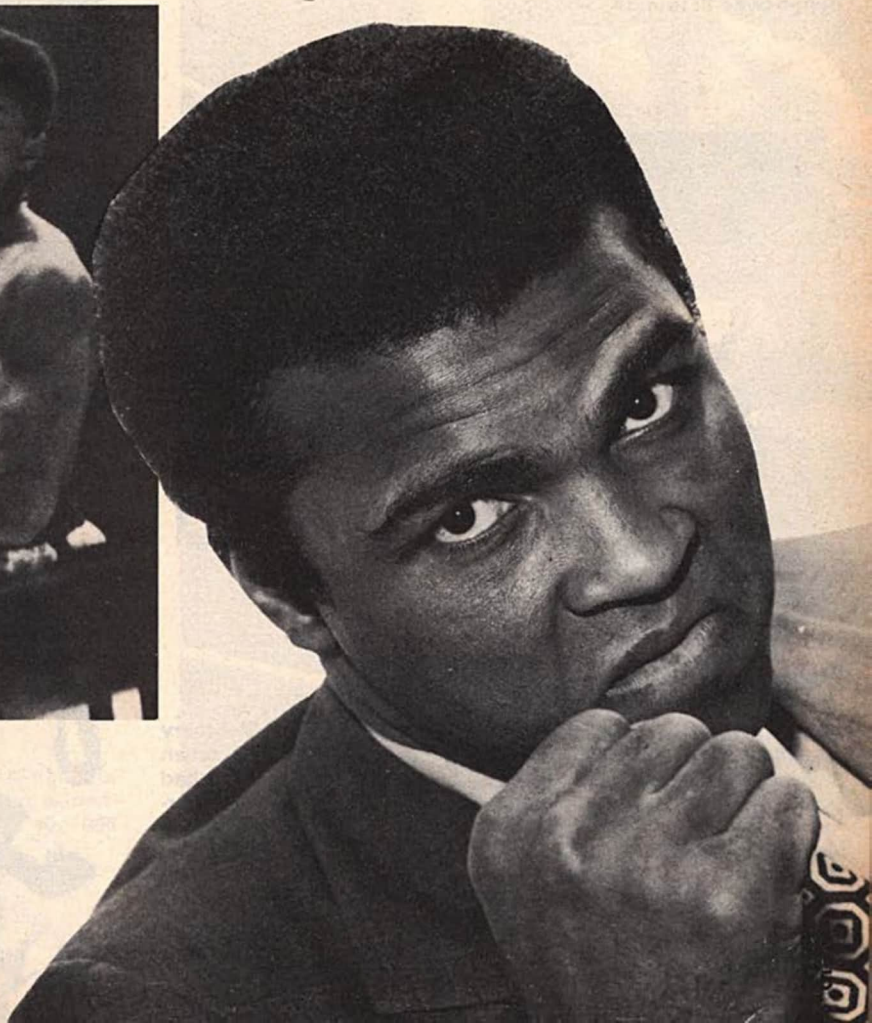


One year after winning a gold medal at the Mexican Olympics as a light heavyweight, Ali, in white trunks, pummeled Alonzo Johnson into submission over 10 rounds, on July 22, 1961.



November 15, 1962, saw former light heavyweight champ Archie Moore, down on one knee, decked three times by Ali before referee Tommy Hart ended the bout.

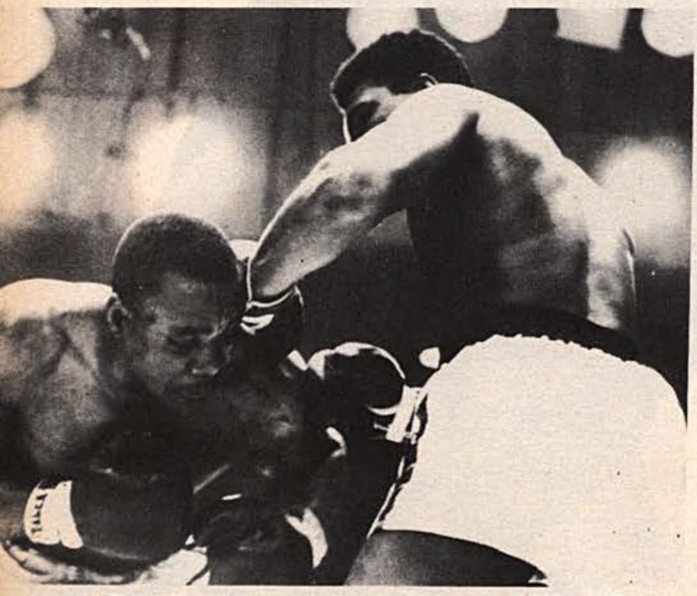




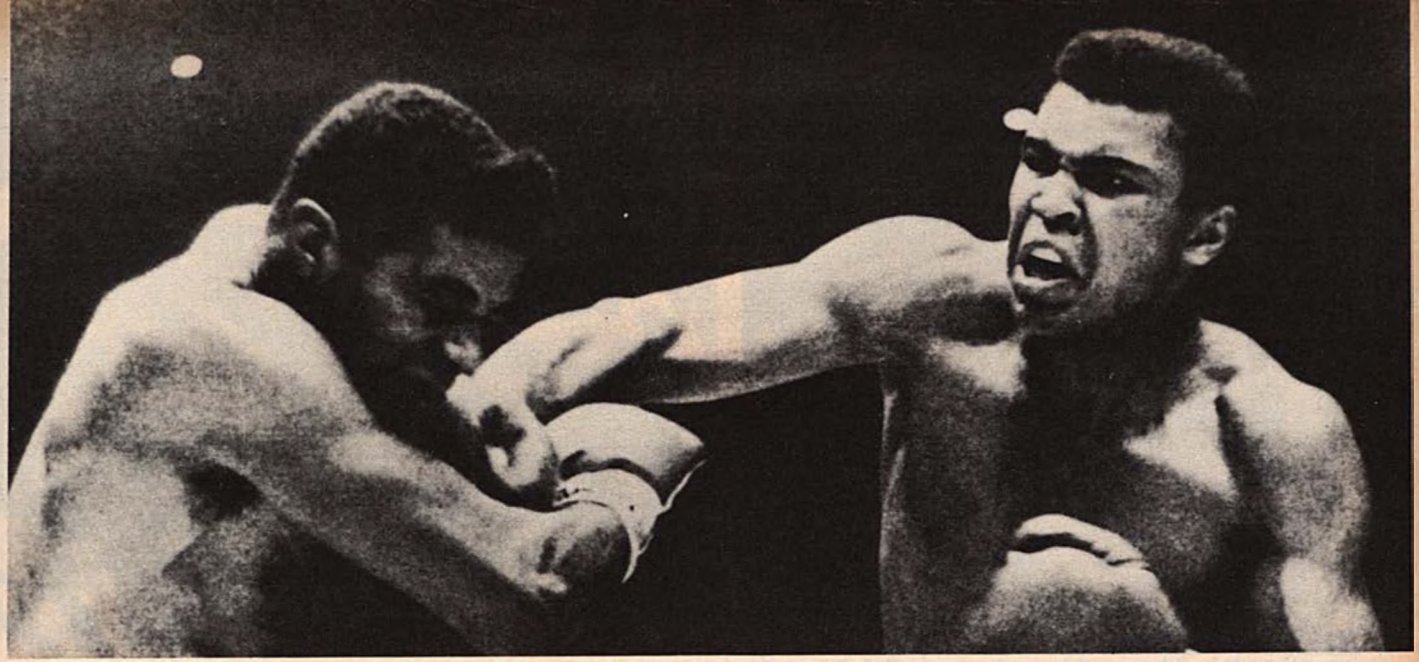
(Above) One of Ali's pre-fight predictions that came true involved this match with Charlie Powell, left, on January 24, 1963, in which the brash Louisville boxer put his opponent out of action in the 3rd, just as he said he would. (Right) Caught in a discussion of his upcoming fight with Frazier, Ali indicates how he will demolish his opponent.

Here on the defensive, as Doug Jones, right, wades in with punches, Ali came back to win this bout, March 13, 1963, on points over 10 rounds.

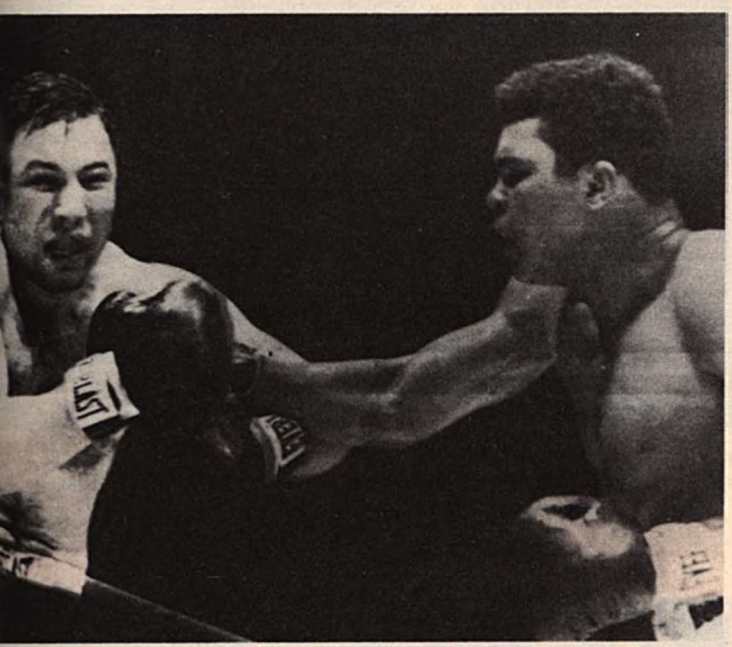
When British heavyweight champion Henry Cooper and Ali met for the first time in London, June 18, 1963, Cooper, left, started out strong, backing Ali into the ropes, but Ali reversed the action, stopping Cooper in 1:15 of the 5th.



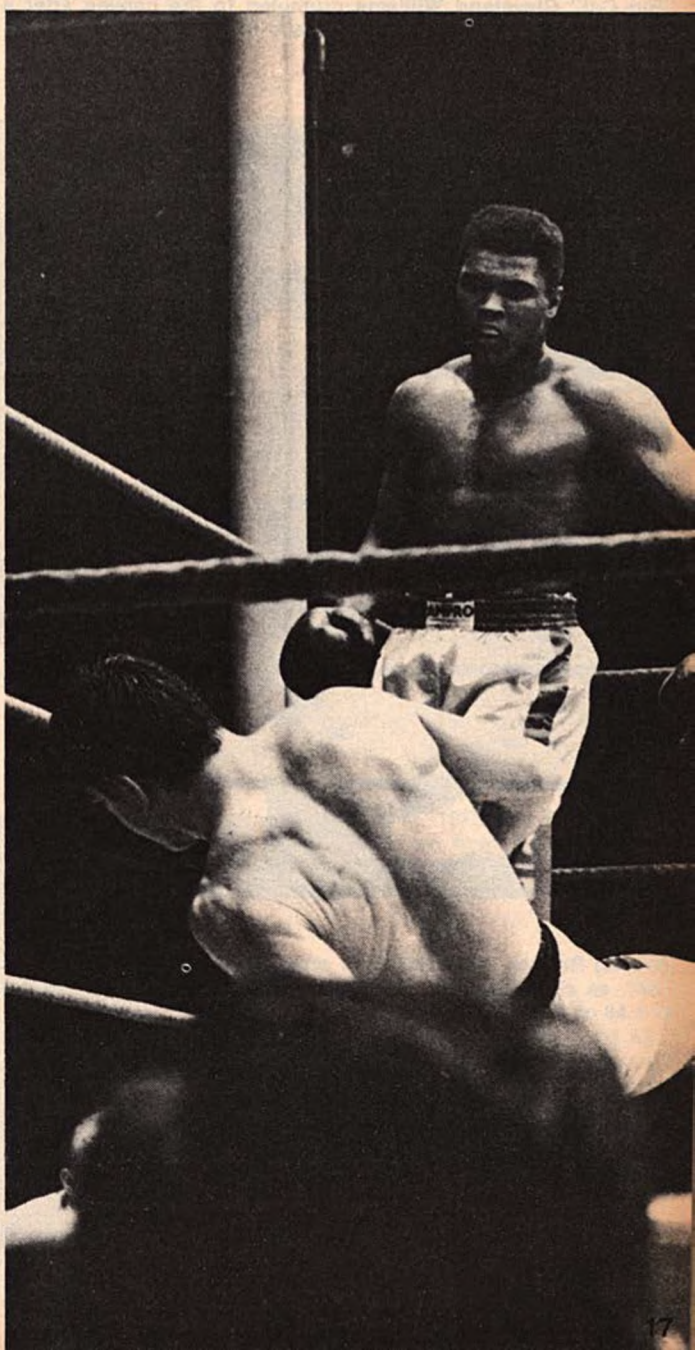
(Above) Bout Number one between Liston and Ali, on February 25, 1964, gave Ali the world heavyweight champsionship, when the fight was stopped after round six, with Liston suffering a bad gash under his eye and a strained shoulder. (Right) Referee Jersey Joe Walcott pushed Ali away from the fallen Liston, as he waited to hear the time keeper's count at the close of the controversial Liston-Ali return bout of May 26, 1965, where Ali retained his title with a 1st round KO.



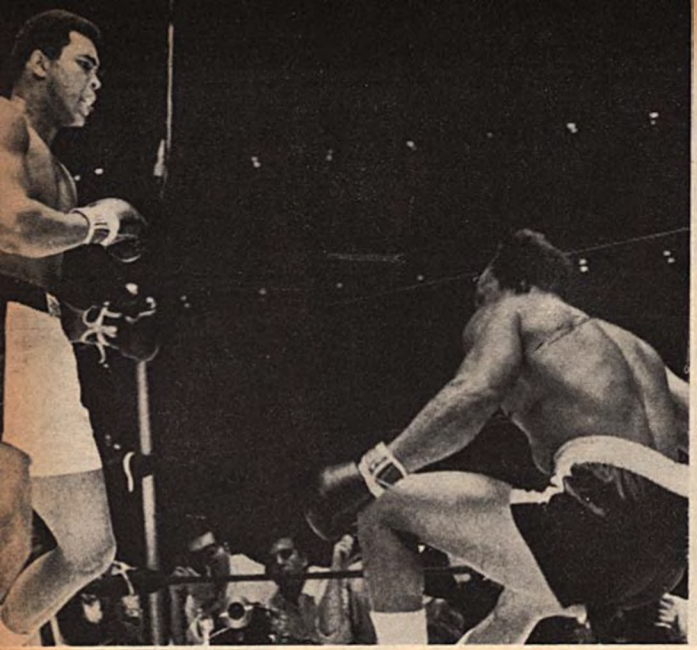
Floyd Patterson entered the ring against Ali, on November 22, 1965, hoping to regain the crown for the second time. Instead, Floyd, left, received 12 rounds of punishment, like the above, before he was KO'd by the champ.



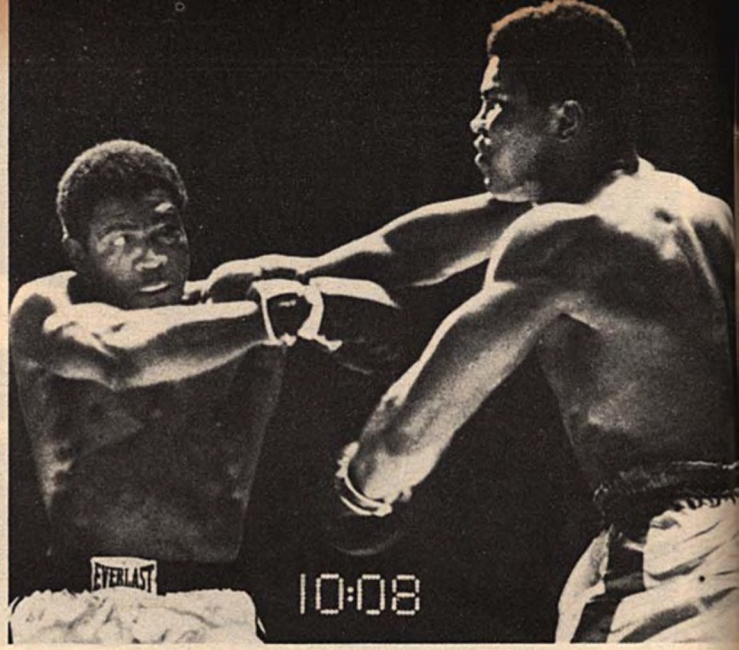
(Above) on his way to a 15 round unanimous decision, Ali lands a long right to the body of George Chuvalo, during their Toronto bout, March 29, 1966.



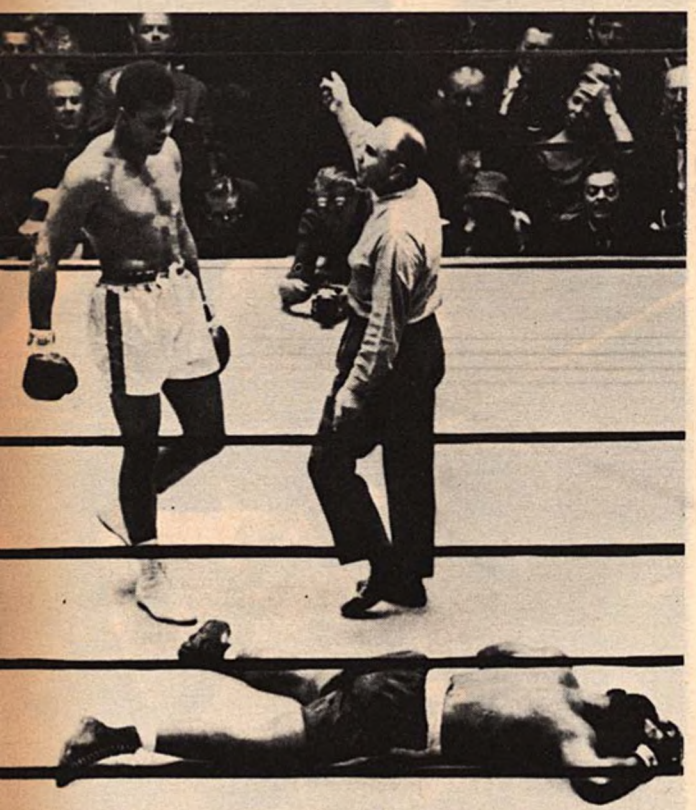
(Right) In what turned out to be one of the more difficult fights of his career, Ali finally stopped the tired and bloody Karl Mildenberger, on the mat, in the 12th round of their September 10, 1966 encounter.



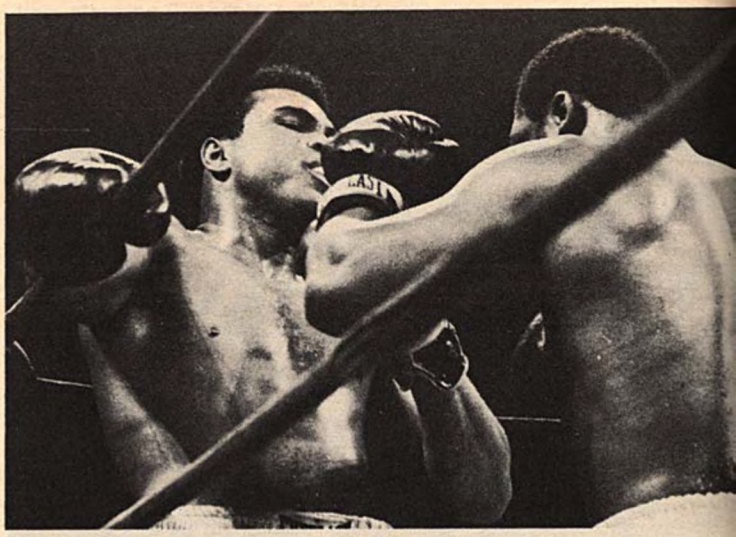
"Big Cat" Cleveland Williams crumpled to the canvas after a flurry of punches by Ali in the 3rd and final round of their bout, on November 14, 1966.




By the 4th of what was a 15 round battle, Ernie Terrell, left, already sported a badly swollen left eye from the hard blows delivered by Ali. Ali won by decision, February 6, 1967.

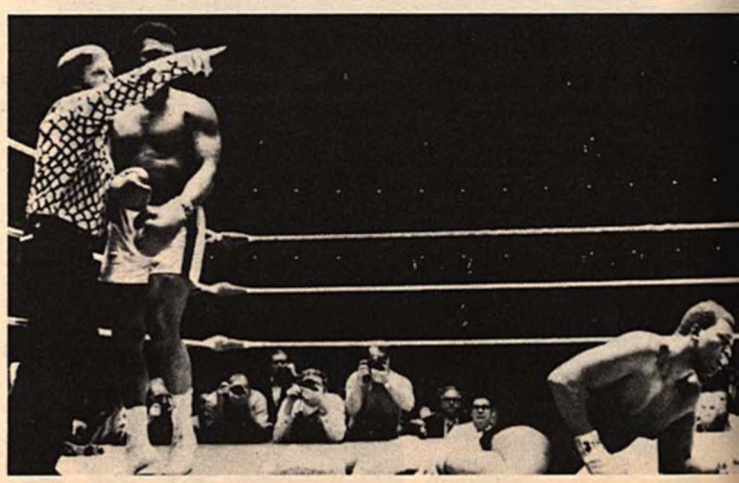


(Above) Referee John LoBianco proclaims Ali winner, March 22, 1967, as challenger Zora Folley lies on the canvas, counted out at 1:48 of round 7.



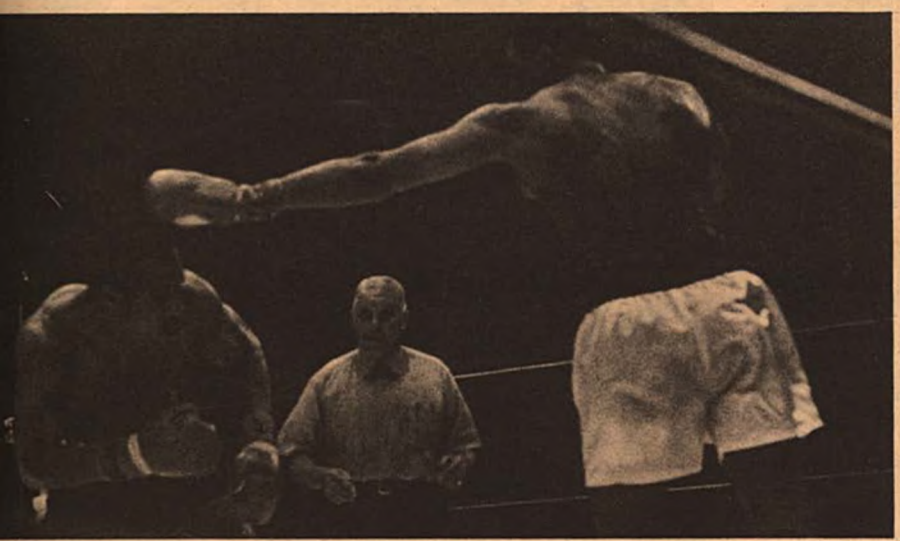
Challenger Joe Frazier moves in on a cornered Ali to deliver a vicious blow to the head. Joe won that March 8, 1971 fight by a 15 round unanimous decision.

(Right) Ali is motioned to a neutral corner in the final round of his November 18, 1971 match with the badly outclassed Buster Mathis. Ali won over 12 by decision.



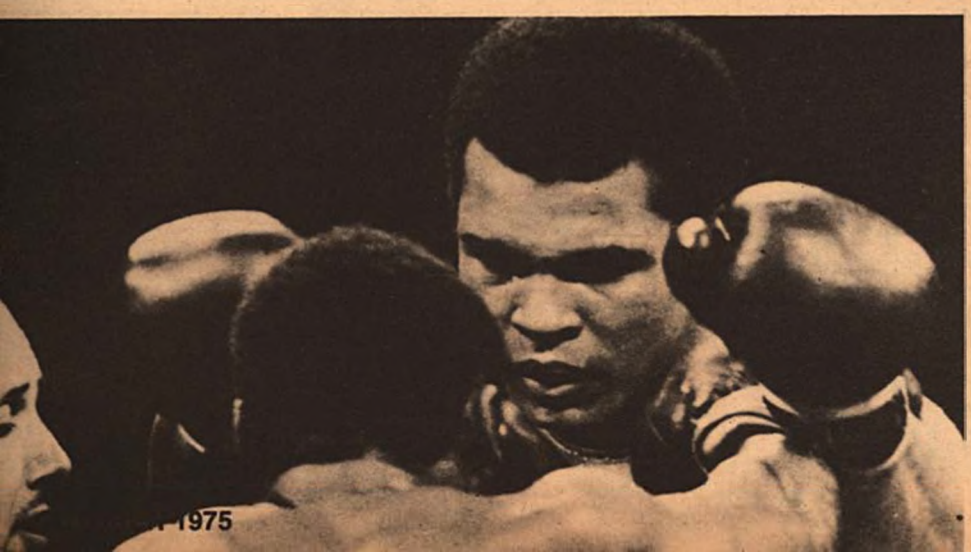
Just prior to the 7th round KO on June 27, 1972, Ali takes his time in aiming a blow at a defenseless Jerry Quarry, against the ropes.

Ali sent Bob Foster to the mat in round 5 of their November 21, 1972 fight. Ali later won with a knockout in the 8th round.

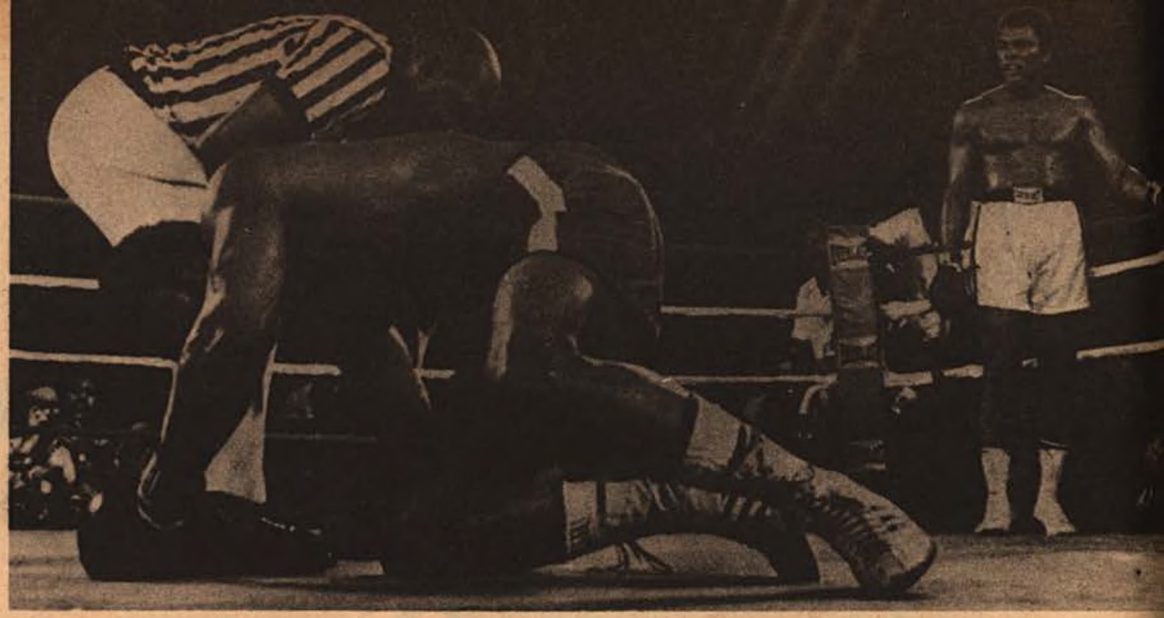


In a return match, Ken Norton slipped under this left by Ali, and went on to win their March 31, 1973 bout on points. Ali had won their first encounter.

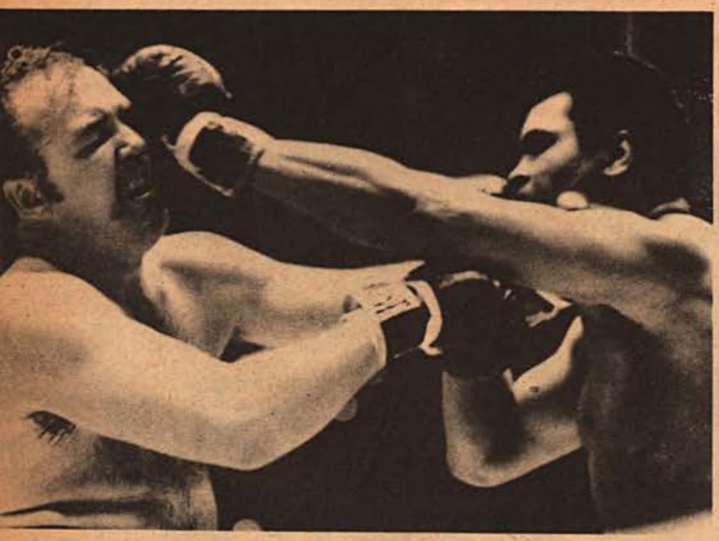
(Above) February 14, 1973 saw Ali pick up a 12 round decision over Britain's Joe Bugner, here on the receiving end of a hard right.



(Left) The two ex-champs Frazier and Ali push each other, as referee Tony Perez tries to separate the two boxers during their January 28, 1974 fight, in New York, which Ali won over 12 rounds.

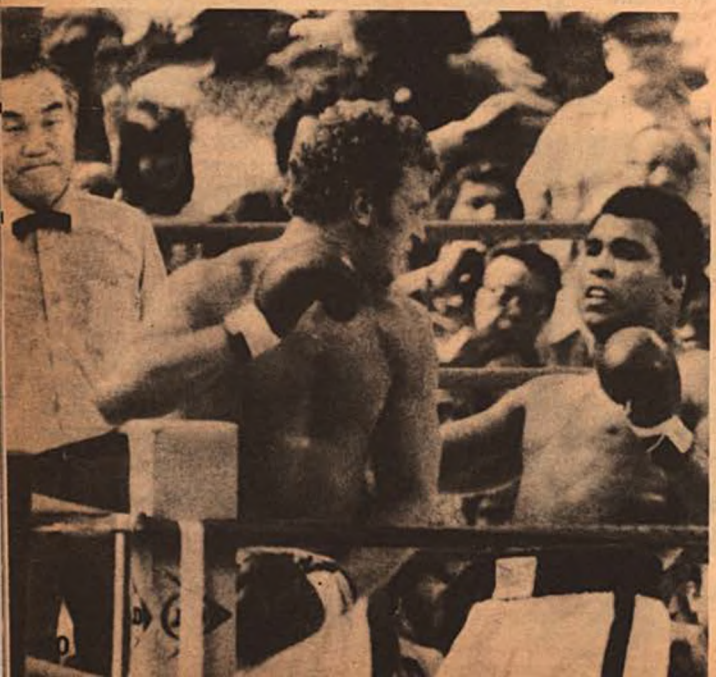


As Foreman struggled to his feet after the end of the count, the heavyweight crown switched hands again, Ali becoming the second man in heavyweight history to win the championship two times. Foreman was KO'd in 2:58 of the 8th round, on October 29, 1974, in Kinshasa, Zaire.



A long left by Ali catches Chuck Wepner, in the first of 15 rounds, on March 24, 1975. Ali finally KO'd Wepner in round 15.

Having been driven into a corner and in serious trouble, Ron Lyle was saved further punishment, when referee Ferd Hernandes moved in and stopped the fight at 66 seconds into the 11th round, May 16, 1975.



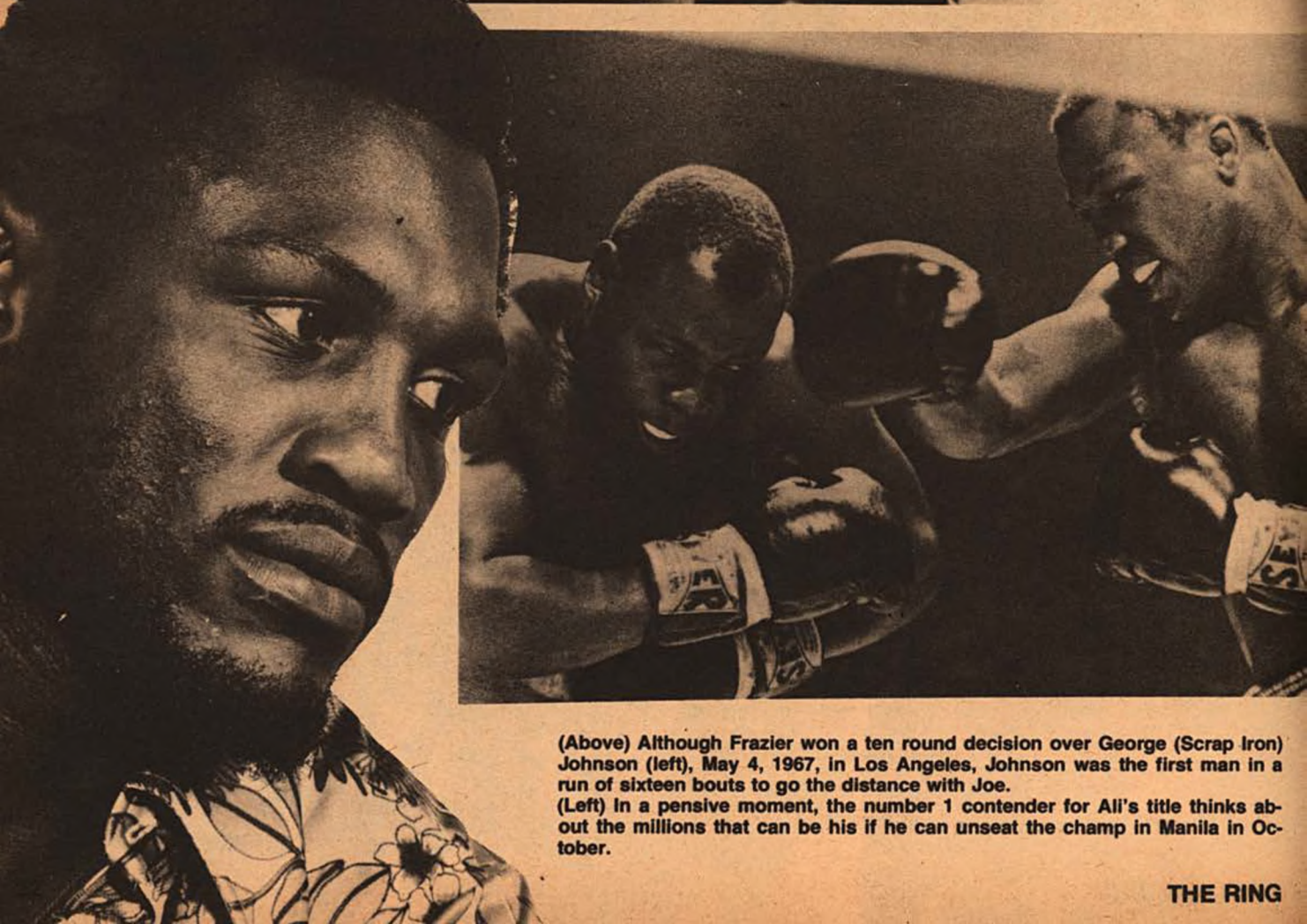
(Left) Referee Takeo Ugo observes Joe Bugner and Ali in action during their July 1, 1975 bout in Kuala Lumpur, which left Ali still in possession of the heavyweight title, by decision.

# JOE FRAZIER HEAVYWEIGHT CONTENDER IN ACTION

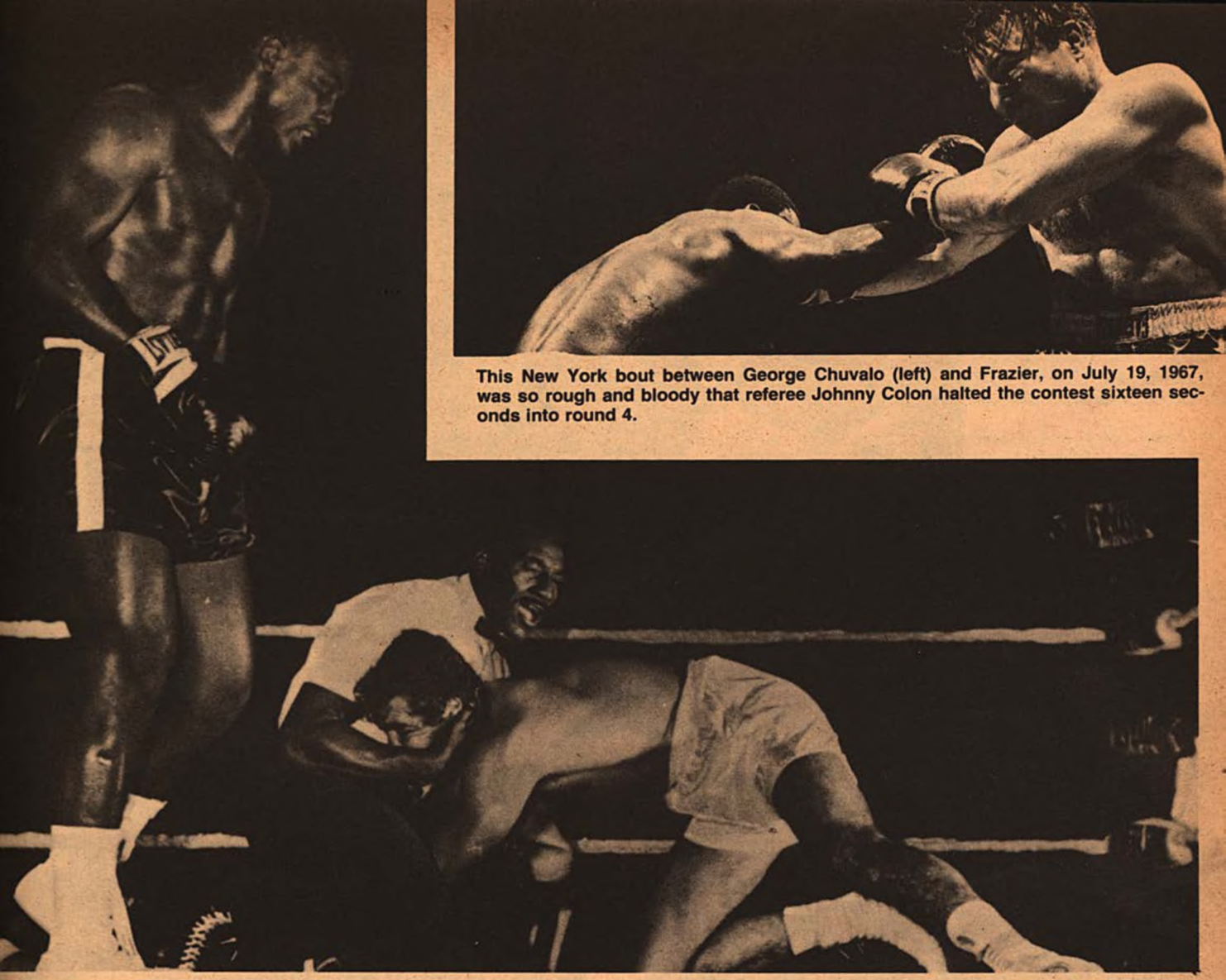
Joe Frazier, as he will be seen by Muhammad Ali on their October 1 fight in the Philippines. The following portfolio catches Joe in the ring during the course of his career.

AGE
31
WEIGHT
210 lbs.
HEIGHT
5 ft. 11½ in.
REACH
73½ in.
BICEPS
15 in.
CHEST (Normal)
43 in.
CHEST (Expanded)
45 in.
FOREARM
13 in.
THIGH
26½ in.
FIST
13 in.
CALF
15 in.

Moments after this hard right to the head of Doug Jones, on February 21, 1967, in Philadelphia, Frazier landed a left which put Jones out of action at 2:36 of the 6th round.



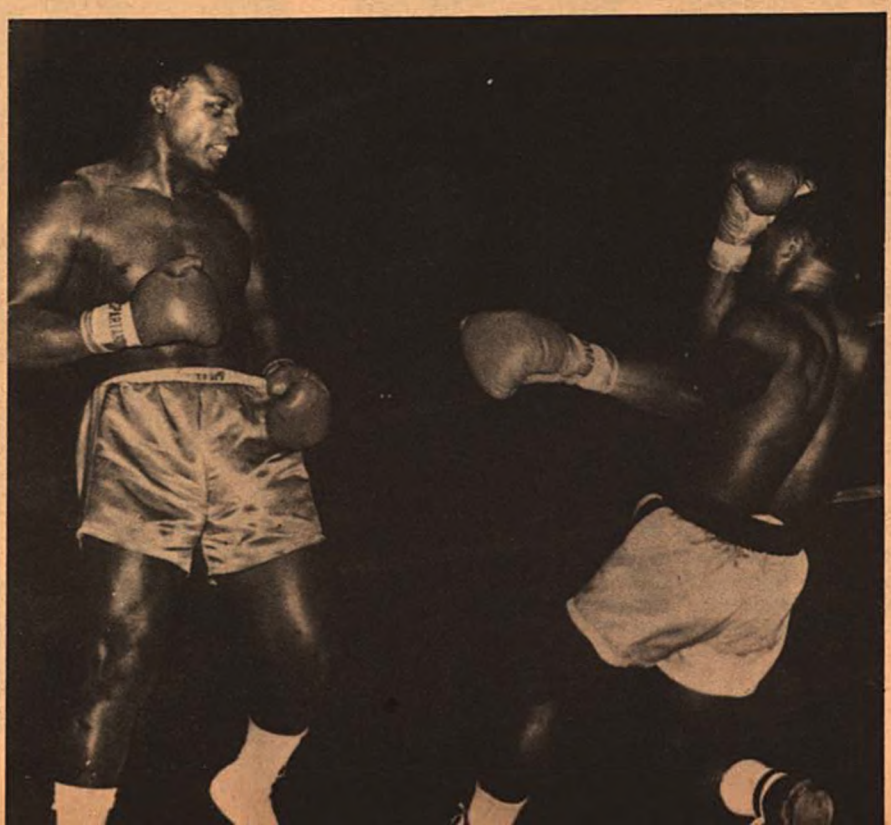
(Above) Although Frazier won a ten round decision over George (Scrap Iron) Johnson (left), May 4, 1967, in Los Angeles, Johnson was the first man in a run of sixteen bouts to go the distance with Joe.
(Left) In a pensive moment, the number 1 contender for Ali's title thinks about the millions that can be his if he can unseat the champ in Manila in October.



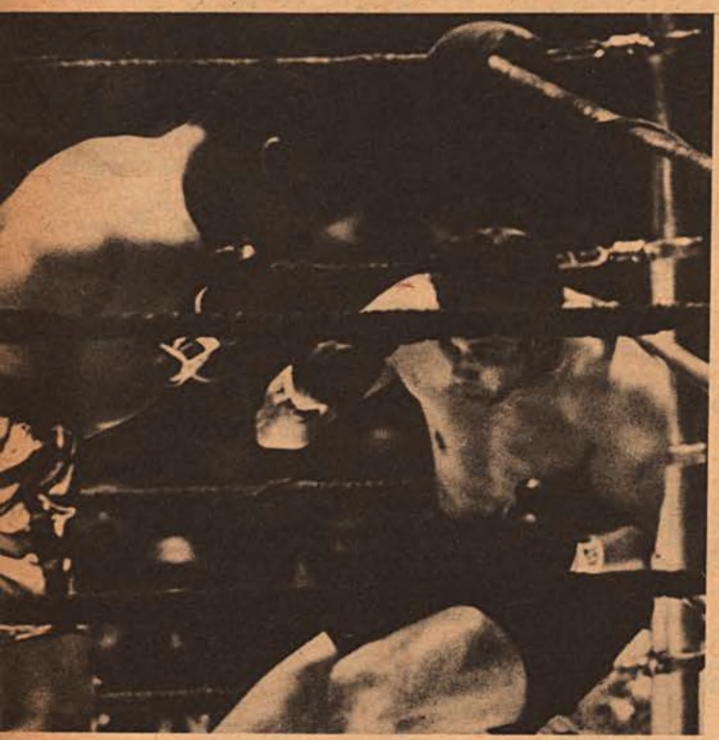
This New York bout between George Chuvalo (left) and Frazier, on July 19, 1967, was so rough and bloody that referee Johnny Colon halted the contest sixteen seconds into round 4.

(Above) Knocked down twice by Frazier before referee Zack Clayton called the fight at 1:04 of the 2nd, Tony Doyle is cradled in Clayton's arms. The date was October 17, 1967; the place, Philadelphia.

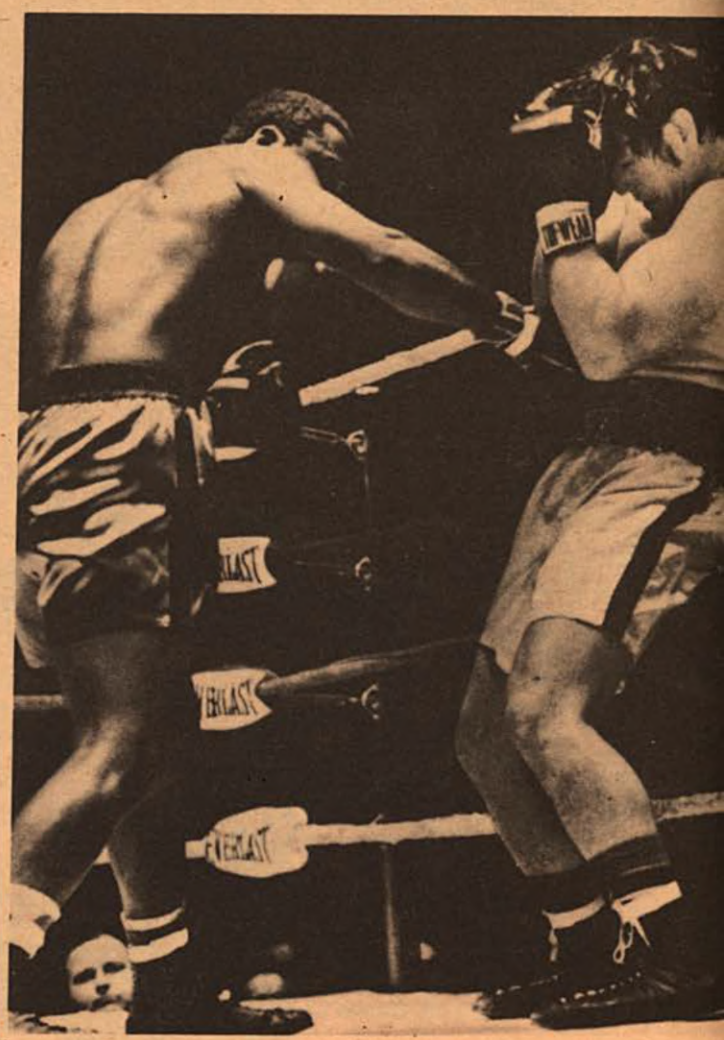
(Right) December 18, 1967 saw Boston's Marion Conner crumble to the mat to mark Frazier's 17th KO and 19th straight victory since he turned pro after the 1964 Olympics.



Another KO for Frazier (right), as Buster Mathis heads for the canvas in the 11th round of their encounter. This win, on March 4, 1968, gave Frazier partial recognition as heavyweight champion.

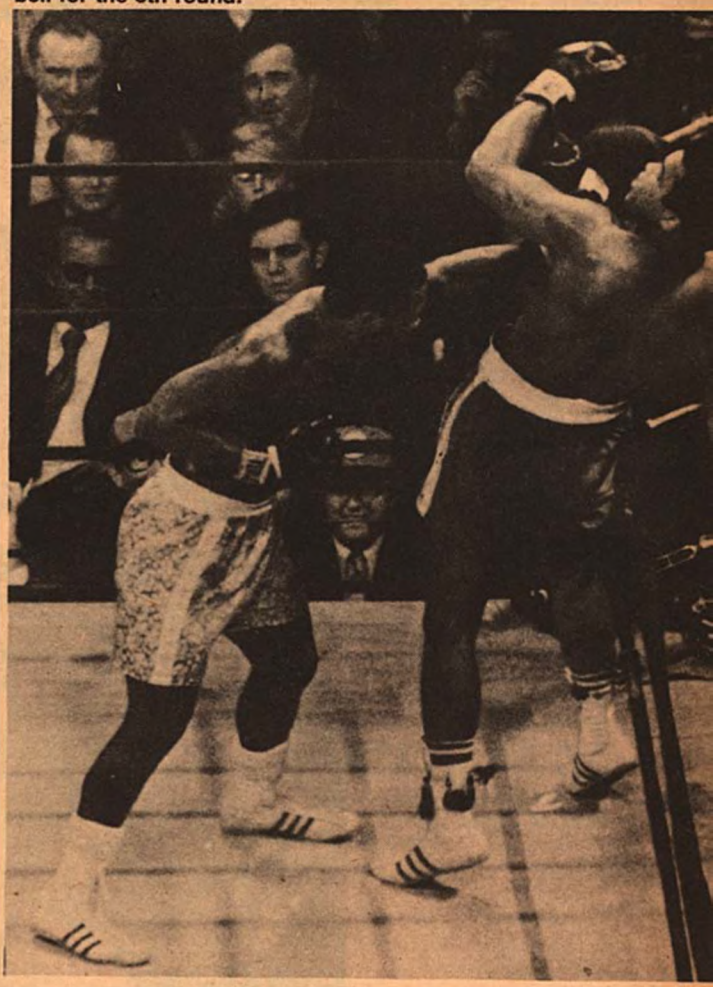


(Above) Joe downs Manuel Ramos for the second time in the first two rounds of their June 24, 1968 match. Ramos quit at the end of that round.



(Right) Bull of the Pampas, Oscar Bonavena, is seen being sent into the ropes from a right by Frazier. Argentina's hope for the heavyweight title ended with the 15 round decision in Joe's favor on December 10, 1968, in Philadelphia.

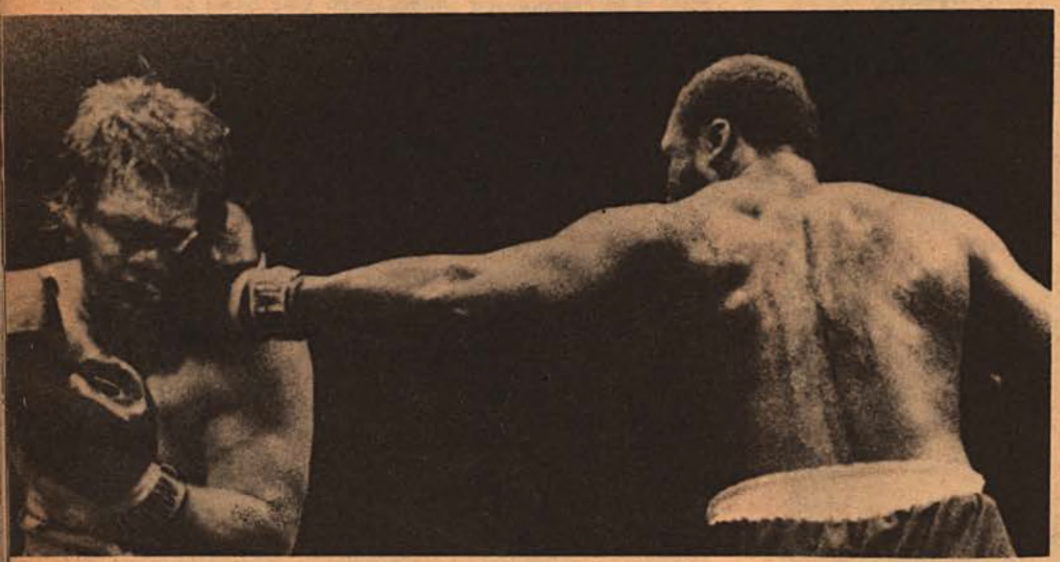
(Left) In a short fight, which ended with a first round kayo by Frazier, April 22, 1969, challenger Dave Zyglewicz drops to the mat for the second time.
(Above) Here exchanging punches, Frazier and the WBA's champion Jimmy Ellis met on February 16, 1970, at Madison Square Garden, to consolidate the world heavyweight crown. Joe became the recognized champ when Ellis failed to answer the bell for the 5th round.



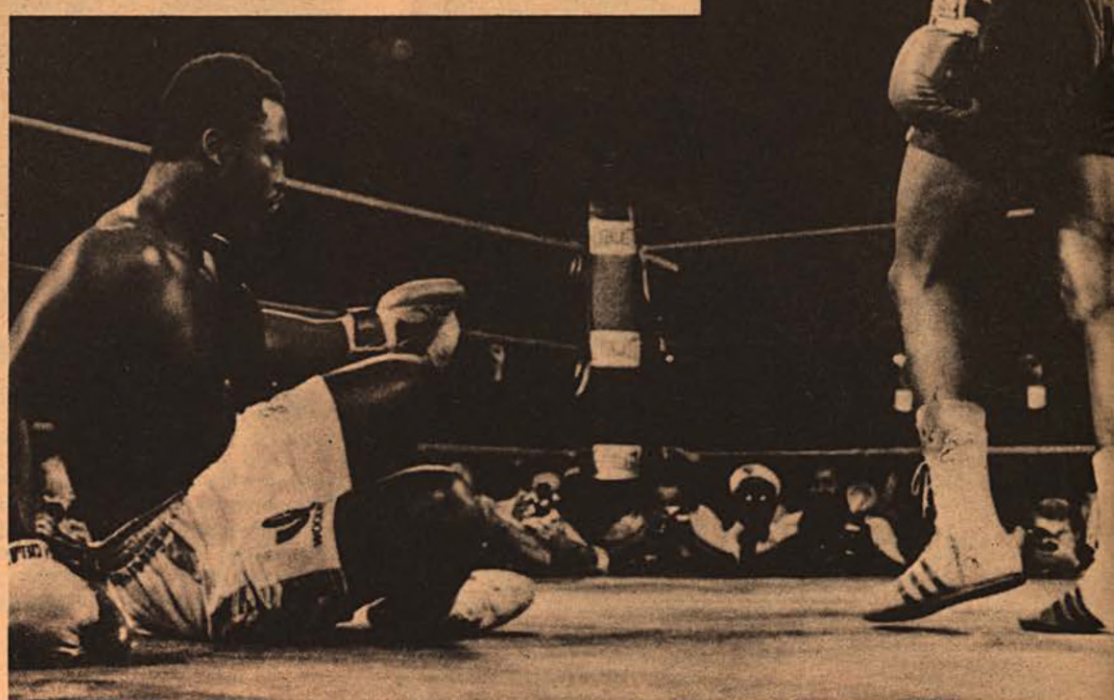
(Left) Joe leans over fallen contender Bob Foster, in his first title defense on November 18, 1970. Seconds later, Foster went down for the second time in round 2, and was counted out. (Above) A solid left by "Smokin' Joe" to the jaw sends Muhammad Ali reeling during their first encounter on March 8, 1971, in which Joe retained his title by unanimous decision.

Terry Daniels was disposed of in four rounds on January 15, 1972. Here, Joe follows through after knocking Terry through the ropes.

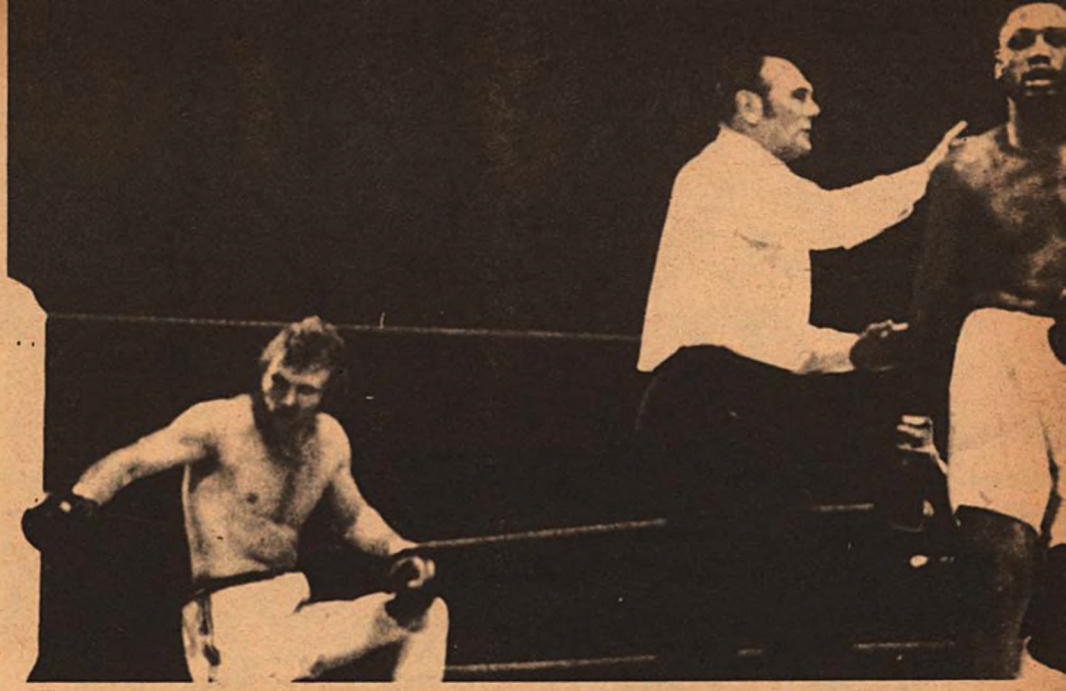
(Below) Challenger George Foreman stands over champion Joe Frazier, in what was the first of many knockdowns prior to Foreman's 2nd round win in Kingston, Jamaica, on January 22, 1973.



(Above) Omaha, May 25, 1972, and another 4th round KO was scored by Frazier, this time against Ron Stander, seen on the receiving end of a long left to the jaw by Joe.

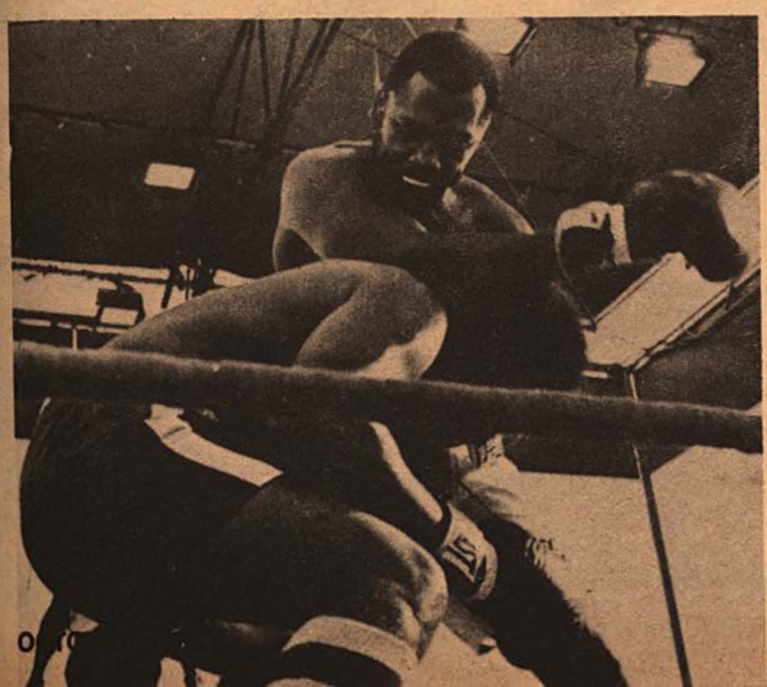


(Right) England's Joe Bugner clutches the ropes after a knockdown, as the referee points Frazier to a neutral corner during their July 2, 1973 fight, in London.



(Below) Third round action saw Muhammad Ali grimace as a hard left by Frazier connected, in their return bout on January 28, 1974, in New York. Despite strong body punching on Joe's part, Ali won on a 12 round decision.

(Above) Jerry Quarry recoils from the force of Joe's left to the head during their June 17th, 1974 match, in New York. Referee Joe Louis stopped the fight in the 5th round to give Frazier the win.



(Left) In a return bout between Ellis and Frazier, on March 1975, Ellis suffered much punishment at Joe's hands, specimen caught here, before the 9th round KO.

Muhammad Ali, right, and Joe Frazier, left, clown around during a press conference in which Don King, restraining Ali, announced that the two fighters will meet for a title bout October 1, in Manila.

# ROAD TO MANILA

By JOHN ORT

President Ferdinand Marcos (above) and his lovely wife Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos (below) are working toward "The New Society," a synthesis of old traditions and new technology.

MUHAMMAD ALI has his show on the road again. This time it's Manila, in the Philippines. Ali's other ventures into distant lands include Canada, England, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, Jakarta, Zaire, Ireland and Kuala Lumpur. He has been on the road longer than Bing Crosby and Bob Hope.

Luis Tabuena, chairman of the Games and Amusements Board which has jurisdiction over professional boxing in the Philippines, states, "The Philippine government would put up four million dollars out of the ten million total purse — with Ali receiving 4.5 million dollars, against 43%, and Frazier 2 million dollars, against 22%." He went on, "There will be two Americans and a Filipino to act as judges, and an American referee." The bout will be held in the Peoples Coliseum.

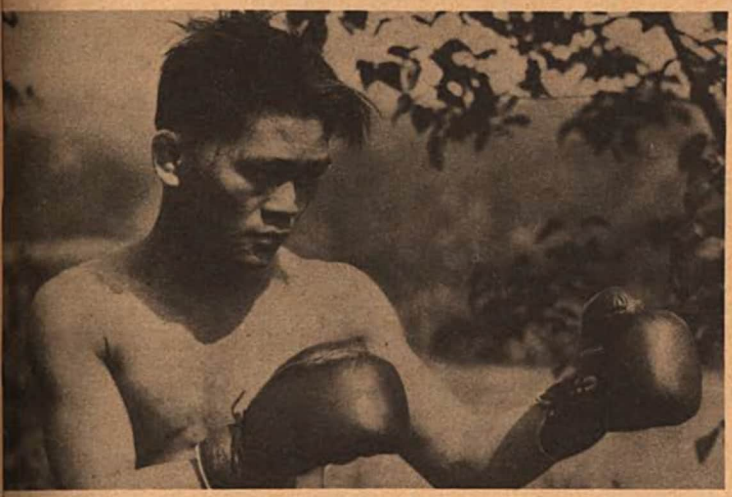
Let's take a look at the Philippines, its people, history, culture and boxing lore. Because of its location between India and China, it is greatly influenced by the two. Traders, missionaries and scholars from these lands contributed to the existing culture. The country is divided into three main groups — Luzon in the north, Visayas in the middle, and Mindanao in the south. Eleven islands make up 96 percent of the total land area. There are also 7,107 small islets which appear and disappear with the tide.

Although the Filipino people live scattered over the numerous islands, they farm very fertile land and have developed an agricultural economy.

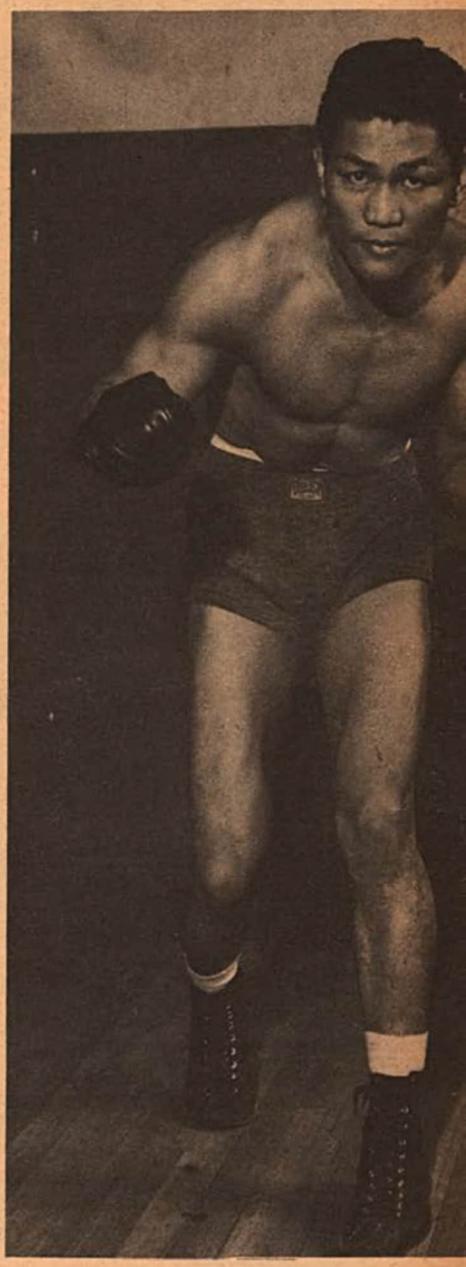
The early Filipinos started a sophisticated social and political system called BARANGAY, which was ruled by a datu, or chieftain. Other countries in this early period of civilization were divided into three classes — nobles, freemen and slaves. But in the Philippines the women's lib movement had its earliest start. They were placed on an equal footing with men.

Spanish colonization came to the islands on March 16, 1521, when Ferdinand Magellan discovered them. He was killed later that year by a chieftain named Lapu-Lapu, of Mactan. The Spanish ruled the country for 300 years and provided them with its Western culture. The Philippines share the Spanish ways of dressing, speech, religion (Roman Catholic), education, but were not Hispanicized, and began to struggle for independence in the 1890's.

They fought and freed themselves from the Spanish only to be controlled by the United States. They battled on for years before peace and American rule was established. The U. S. governed them first by the military, later by a civil form of government. This started the American way of life. English became the medium of instruction; schools sprang up in villages and towns, as well as new roads and railway lines. Proper currency was established, trade increased and, most significantly, the American presence influenced the founding of a modern democratic state in the Philippines.



**Filipino Ceferino Garcia won the world middleweight title in 1939, and was the first of his countrymen to defend his crown on home soil.**



With World War II, Japan invaded the country and ruled for four years. The Filipino-American forces resisted Japanese rule through intensive underground work and guerrilla warfare.

On July 4, 1946 the Philippines became the first colony in Asia to be free of foreign rule. From this point on, the government (now under the leadership of President Marcos and his lovely First Lady Imelda Romualdez) has established modern industry, continues to try to stabilize domestic affairs, and also participates in international affairs by supporting regional cooperation and membership in the U. N.

What about the people? Well, there are 38 million Filipinos divided into 55 ethnic groups. There are five major groups —Ilocanos, Tagalog, Visayans, Bicolanos and Muslims. Most Filipinos come from Malay stock, others from Spanish and Chinese blood. The people speak Tagalog, official language of the country; Spanish; and they are the third largest English-speaking nation in the world. Their estimated literacy rate for the nation is 72%, one of the highest in Asia.

Under President Ferdinand Marcos, the present administration created "The New Society." Its goal is the transformation of the Philippine society into a nation that conforms with, and is more responsive to, the needs of the modern world without sacrificing the traditional values of its people.

The Philippines boxing history goes back to the 1900's when Pancho Villa was one of the world's most feared boxers, up to the world champions of today, Erbito Salvarria and Ben Villaflor. Their other champions throughout the years have included Ceferino Garcia, Flash Elorde, Bernardo Villacampo, Pedro Adigue, and Rene Barrientos. The first Filipino boxer to fight for a world title was Pancho Villa. He was also the first from his country to win an Orient title. Villa defeated George Mendies in Manila on Dec. 8, 1921. He won the American flyweight title from Johnny Buff on Sept. 14, 1922, at the Polo Grounds in New York. Pancho became the first Filipino to win a world championship when he kayoed Jimmy Wilde in 7 rounds, New York. He died champion on July 14, 1925, from blood poisoning caused by an infected tooth following his fight with Jimmy McLarnin. He was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1961.

Ceferino Garcia won the World middleweight title from Fred Apostoli in New York on Oct. 2, 1939, in 7 rounds. He was the first Filipino champion to defend his crown in the Philippines. Garcia halted Glen Lee in 13 rounds on Dec. 23, 1939, in Manila. He lost the title to Ken Overlin on May 23, 1940, New York.

**(Above) One of the possible training sites for the Ali-Frazier affair, the Folk Arts Center. (Left) The first Filipino boxer to win the orient and world title was the fast battler, Pancho Villa.**

**Jr. lightweight Flash Elorde, another native son and idol of his people, held the world title for seven years, from March 16, 1960—June 15, 1967.**

**The site of super fight number three—An arial view of Manila with Rizal Park at the center.**

Probably one of the island's most popular champions is Flash Elorde, who held the Junior Lightweight crown for 7 years. He won it from Harold Gomes on March 16, 1960, in a seven round kayo in Manila, and defended it eight times. He was kayoed twice in his bid for the Lightweight title by Carlos Ortiz. Flash finally lost his title to Yoshiaki Numata on June 15, 1967, in Tokyo. Elorde retired from the ring in 1971, a wealthy man and an idol of his countrymen.

Junior welterweight Pedro Adigue defeated Adolph Pruitt of the U. S. on Dec. 14, 1968, to win the W.B.C. crown in Manila. He lost same to Italy's Bruno Arcari in Rome on Feb. 1, 1970.

Flyweight Bernabe Villacampo outpointed Japan's Hiroyuki Ebihara over 15 rounds in Tokyo on Oct. 20, 1969, to win the W.B.A. flyweight title. Bernabe lost the crown April 7, 1970, to Thailand's Berkrerk Chartvanchai over 15 rounds.

Rene Barrientos won the vacant W.B.A. junior lightweight title from Ruben Navarro, Los Angeles, on Feb. 15, 1969, in Manila. Rene lost the crown on Jan. 3, 1971 to Yoshiaki Numata on a 15 round decision in Japan.

There are two current champions from the Philippines — world junior lightweight Ben Villaflor, and W.B.A. flyweight king Erbito Salvarria, who also held the world version of same.

Salvarria won the world title from Chartchai Chionoi on Dec. 7, 1970, via a two-round knockout. He lost it to another Thailander by the name of Venice Borkorsor on Feb. 2, 1973. Salvarria regained the W.B.A. half of the title on April 1st of this year when he decisioned Japan's Susumu Hanagata over 15 rounds in Japan.

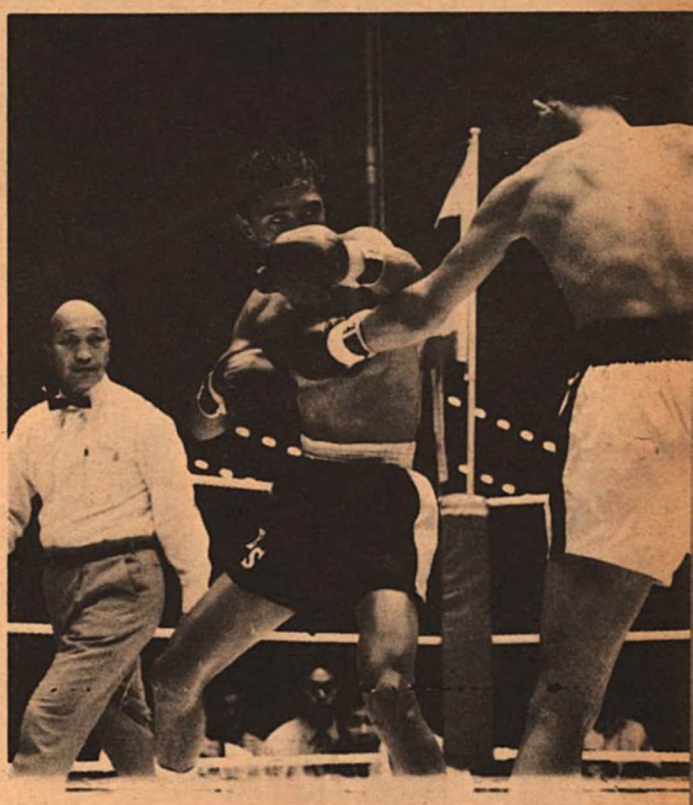
Ben Villaflor won the world junior lightweight crown from Venezuela's Alfredo Marcano in 15 rounds in Honolulu, Hawaii, April 25, 1972. He lost it to Kuniaki Shibata eleven months later via a 15 round nod in Honolulu. Ben regained the title with a one-punch kayo over Shibata, Oct. 17, 1973, Honolulu.

Villaflor recently retained the crown with a 15 round split decision over Kim Hyun, Korea, in Manila on March 14th of this year. He suffered an eye injury but hopes to continue his career.

So, it's off on "The Road to Manila" for the world press and boxing fans alike, for "Super Fight III"!!!

**Rene Barrientos (left) tags Ruben Navarro, Los Angeles, Calif., with a right hand during their W.B.C. junior lightweight title contest, held in Manila on February, 15, 1969. Rene won a 15 round decision.**

(Left) One of the two currently reigning Phillippine champs is Jr. lightweight Ben Villaflor. (Above) Flyweight Bernabe Villacampo, with raised gloves, won a world title for the Philippines on October 20, 1969, but lost it again less than a year later.

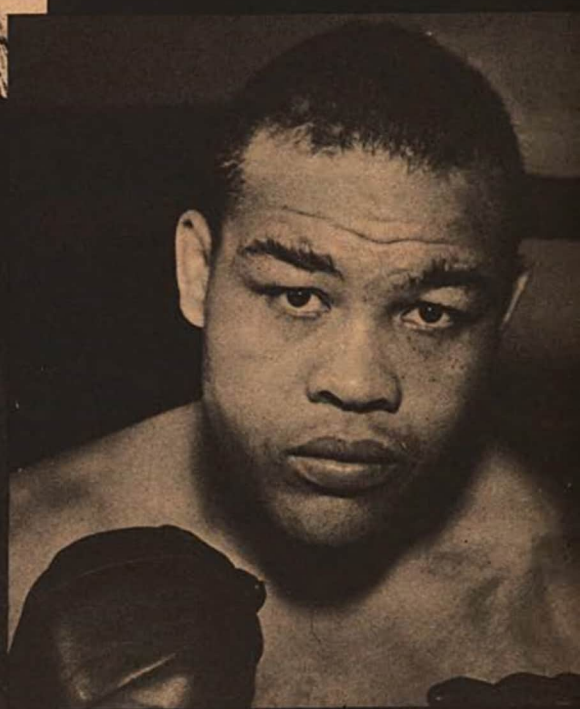


WBA flyweight champion Erbito Salvarria, left, in action against Chartchai Chionoi, right, during the bout which made the Filipino champ, on December 7, 1970.

# ALI'S No. 9 IN ALL-TIME POLL INCREASED POSTAL BUSINESS

By DAN DANIEL

**Can you imagine Joe Louis fighting Jack Dempsey? How about Muhammad Ali vs Jack Johnson? The Ring mail would probably flood the grandstands at Madison Square Garden. The Ring based its all-time ratings on facts not fiction.**



(Left) The former heavyweight champ of the world, Jack Dempsey, seen in a rare photograph dressed as a coal miner. Jack was chosen as number 2 by the Ring staff. (Above) Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, has occasioned more controversy by being nominated as the number 1 all time great than in any other election in Ring history.

(Above) Joe Frazier, former heavyweight champion, rate number 10 by the Ring powers that be, steps the light fa tastic on the sidewalks of New York. (Below) Th heavyweight champ of the world, Ali, cools off in shower. The Ring rates Ali number nine.

NEVER before in the fifty-three years' history of the Ring Magazine has it received anything even approximating the mail with which it has been flooded since the March issue was circulated around the world.

That issue contained the all-time ratings of the eight standard divisions of boxers, on the basis of achievements, since the Glove Era began with Jim Corbett's victory over John L. Sullivan in 1892.

The all-time top ten of boxing, of course, held major attention when the ratings came out, and they have been getting most of the attention since then.

No single expert was responsible for more than one vote when the all-time ratings were compiled.

The ratings were got up by a poll of the Ring staff.

The top ten were named in this order: 1, Joe Louis; 2, Jack Dempsey; 3, Jim Jeffreis; 4, Jack Johnson; 5, Rocky Marciano; 6, Gene Tunney; 7, Bob Fitzsimmons; 8, Jim Corbett; 9, Muhammad Ali; 10, Joe Frazier.

The vast number of complaints have had to do with Ali's being placed as low as No. 9. There also has been considerable fuss about Frazier being located as low as No. 10, the last position in the top ten poll.

Let it not be imagined that all the letters involving Muhammad were complaints. A great number of communications applauded No. 9 as a just location for Ali among the greatest heavyweights of all time.

Having read all of the letters, I am in a good position to list the salient points made by the writers. They are as follows:

1-Ali was entitled to not worse than No. 4 among the Top Ten.

2-Ali saved boxing. It was on the downgrade when he took out Sonny Liston.

3-Ali is a harder puncher than the majority of the experts believe him to be.

4-No other heavyweight has demonstrated the mobility Muhammad has shown in the ring.

5-As he proved against George Foreman when he adopted the Rope Game, Muhammad is one of the finest strategists in boxing history.

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# BAREKNUCKLE HEAVYWEIGHTS FROM JAMES FIGG TO JOHN L. SULLIVAN

By DAN DANIEL

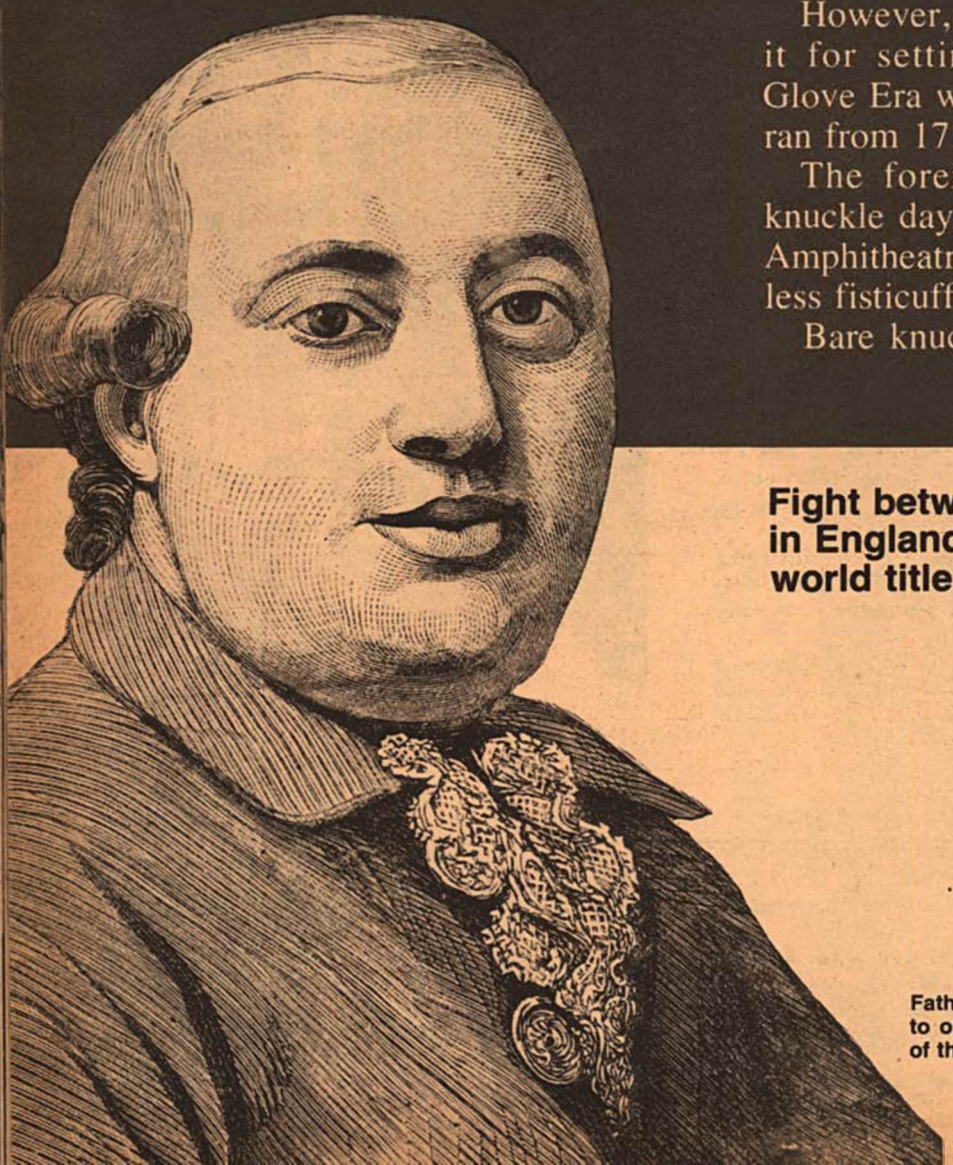
GREAT Britain never has had a world heavyweight champion during the Glove Era, which set in with the Sulliven - Corbett fight in New Orleans in 1892.

The British lay claim to Bob Fitzsimmons, who beat Corbett. But, while Fitz was born in Cornwall, he did almost all of his fighting in the United States and has been designated as an American fighter.

However, to the British belongs the credit for setting up the foundation of the Glove Era with the Bare Knuckle Era. This ran from 1719 to the Sullivan heyday.

The foremost exemplar of early bare knuckle days was Jim Figg, whose London Amphitheatre was the first locale for gloveless fisticuffs.

Bare knuckle fighting grew out of single



**Fight between Heenan and Sayers in England was first world title effort.**

Father of Boxing, James Figg, was the first Briton to openly teach boxing and advertise exhibitions of the skill.

stick competition and sword play.

The young bloods of old London town went strong for fisticuffs, and it wasn't long before the punching cult had its heroes and its champions.

The first bare knuckle battler with cleverness was Dan Mendoza, a Jew of Spanish descent. It is certain that Mendoza was the cleverest boxer of the early gloveless era. Dan suffered from the handicap of lack of weight. He tipped the beam at less than 160 pounds and stood only 5 feet 7 inches in height.

Mendoza was the first fighter to play up speed and introduce strategy. Some authorities give credit to Dan for inventing the jab. But there is a lot of fable about the early knucklers.

The rules of bare knuckle fighting were far different from those of the early glove days.

The bare knucklers did a lot of tugging and grappling, and a round ended when one of the fighters hit the turf or the floor. Length of fight went on minutes.

These rules were in force even as late as the Sullivan heyday. He and Charley Mitchell spent a lot of time in the mud in their 39 round draw at Chantilly, France. They fought in a driving rain.

Undoubtedly the most famous fight of the bare knuckle days was the 42 round draw between John C. Heenan, of the U.S., and Tom Sayers, of Britain, at Farnborough, England. It was the first major attempt to establish a world championship, and was fought in April, 1860. Heenan outweighed Tom, but the Briton put up an even fight.

**Otherwise known as the Norwich Butcher, Jack Slack's early wins were said to be due more to fearlessness than ability.**

**Jack Broughton gained the title "Father of boxing rules" when, in 1743, he codified the first set of boxing guidelines. He also originated the boxing glove.**

American bare knuckle fighting was featured by father and son competition. Tom Hyer was the first American champion and his son Jake was a leading performer of a later date. The Hyers were of old Dutch New York stock. In those days pugilism and politics lived together a lot. The Hyers were important among the Know Nothing Party, infamous for a brawly existence.

Both in the United States and Great Britain, leading fighters contributed their acumen to parliamentary effort, among them, John Morrissey, who went to Congress, and John Gully, who served in a similar capacity in Britain. Morrissey played an important role in furthering gambling and horse racing interests at Saratoga, N.Y.

The earliest black invaders of ring competition were Tom Molineux, of Virginia, and Boill Richmond, who was servant to General Lord Percy during the Revolution. Both found little competition in the Colonies, and went to England, where they appeared in important fights.

Not one of the social elect among the bare knucklers was a character named "Yankee" Sullivan.

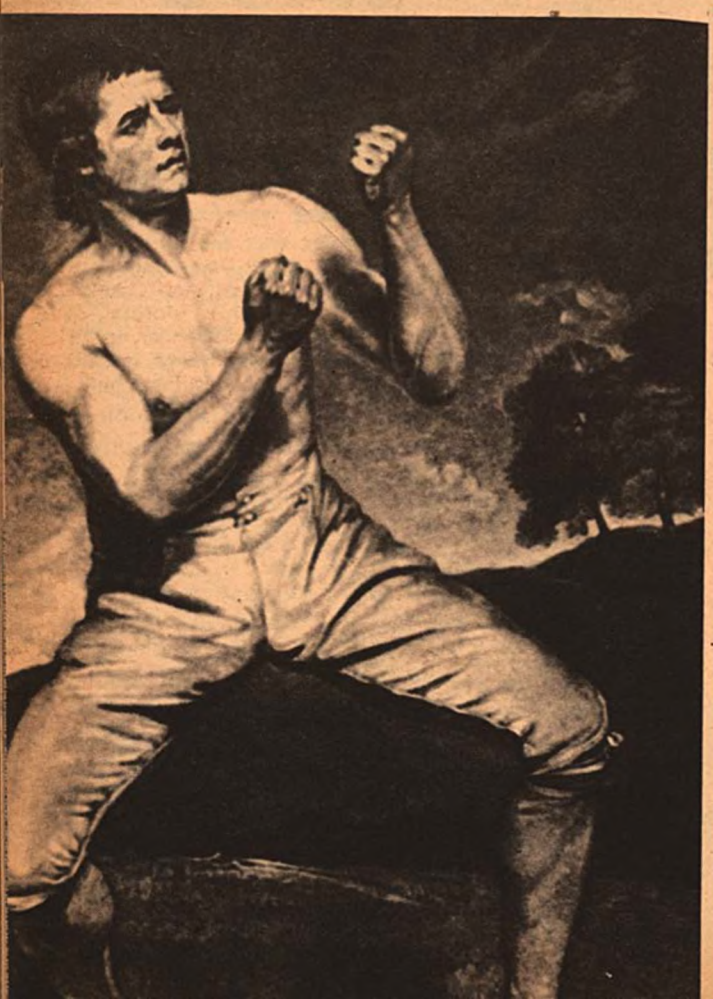
In 1856 the Vigilante Committee in San Francisco picked him up for misdemeanors, felonies and murders and threw him into jail.

That night he was found hanged in his cell. Rumor had i

that the Vigilantes had done it.

The list of bare knuckle champions, starting with Figg, includes: George Taylor, Jack Broughton, Jack Slack, Tom Johnson, Sam Martin, Dan Mendoza, John Jackson, Richard Humphries, Tom Owens Tom Cribb, George Meggs (known as the Collier), Harry Sellers, Jem Ward, Peter Crawley, Nick Ward, Jem Belcher, Bill Stevens, Ben Brain, Dan Donnelly, John Gully, Tom Paddock, Tom Faulkner, Bill Darts, Jemry Pearce, Tom Oliver, Bill Perry, Ben Caunt, Tom Spring, Jack Langan, Harry Broome, Simon Byrne, James (Deaf) Burke, Bold Bendigo (Boll Thompson), Tom Molyneaux, Bill Richmond, Ned O'Baldwin, Bob Travers, Tom Sayers, Aaron Jones, Jem Mace, Tom King, Jake Hyer, Tom Hyer, Yankee Sullivan, Joe Coburn, Mike McCoole, Tom Allen, Ben Hogan, Jim Dunne, Tom Cannon, John Morrissey, John C. Heenan, Charley Gallagher, Jim Elliott, John L. Dwyer, Joe Wormald, Paddy Ryan and John L. Sullivan.

It will be noted that near the close, the list includes many fighters whose title claims were not clear.



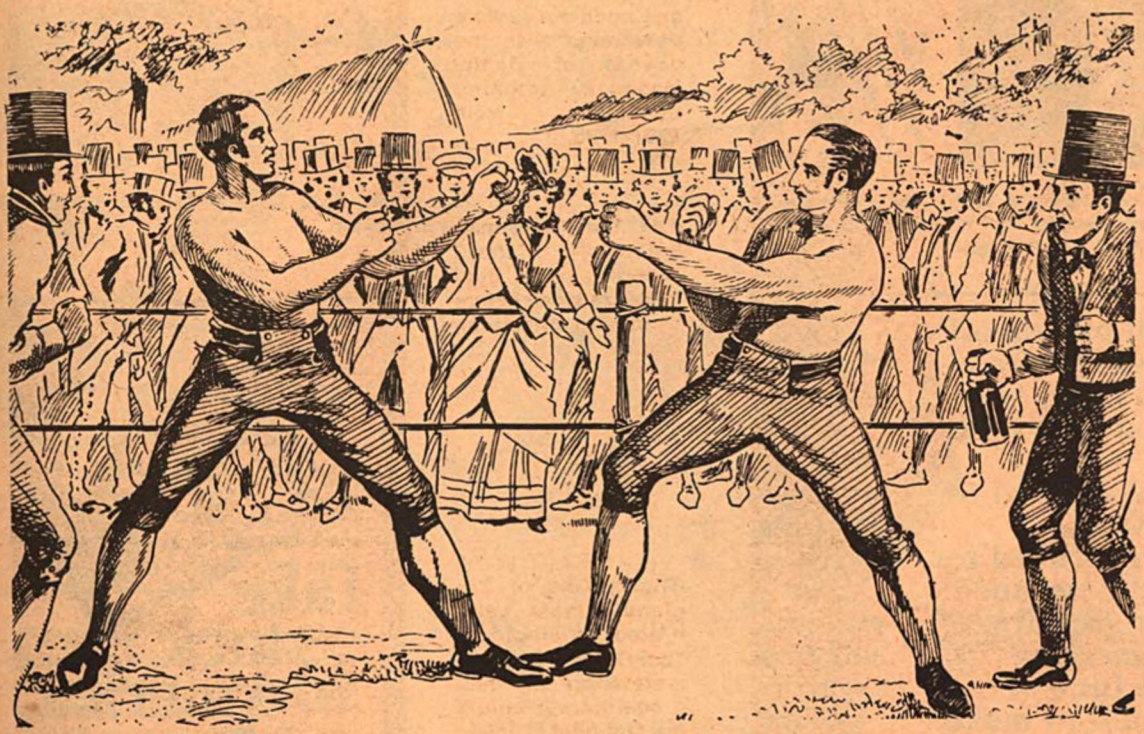
**(Above) Scientific boxing, rather than merely brute strength and endurance, were developed with the advent of Daniel Mendoza, reigning champion from 1791–1795.**

**(Left) The "Gentleman Fighter," Richard Humphreys, beat Mendoza twice before becoming champion himself.**

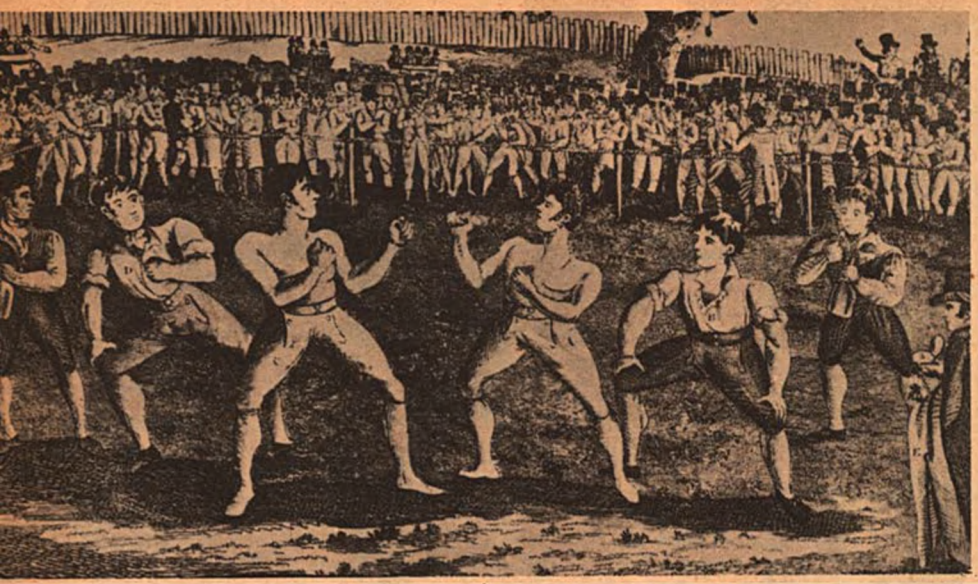
**(Right) One of England's most celebrated champions, Tom Cribb, worked as a stevedore and then a coal heaver before his first fight in 1805.**

(Left) Grandson of Jack Slack and called "Napoleon of the Ring," Jem Belcher was one of early pugilism's more colorful champions, being the first known man to sport an ascot or attach colors to the ring posts.

With the defeat of Benjamin Brain went the pioneer period of boxing, where brawn and endurance were the primary criteria for success in the ring.



(Left) Dan Donnelly was the first Irish champion, and his victory over George Cooper, in 1815, depicted here, is said to be his greatest fight.



(Above left) John Gully, released from debtors prison on condition that he box, became champion when he beat Bob Gregson over 36 rounds.

(Above right) When William Perry fought Charles Freeman, they fought 70 rounds, halted for nightfall, and continued the next day.

A giant of a man, Ben Caunt won the title from "Bold Bendigo" on an alledged foul in the 75th round of their April 3, 1838, encounter.

The championship contest between Tom Spring and Jack Langan in 1824 marked the first time in boxing history that a grandstand was erected.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To "Deaf" James Burke belongs the honor of having fought the longest championship bout on record, a gruelling 99 rounds against Simon Byrne.

"Bold Bendigo," born William Thompson, became a Methodist parson upon retiring from the ring after a rough and tough career.

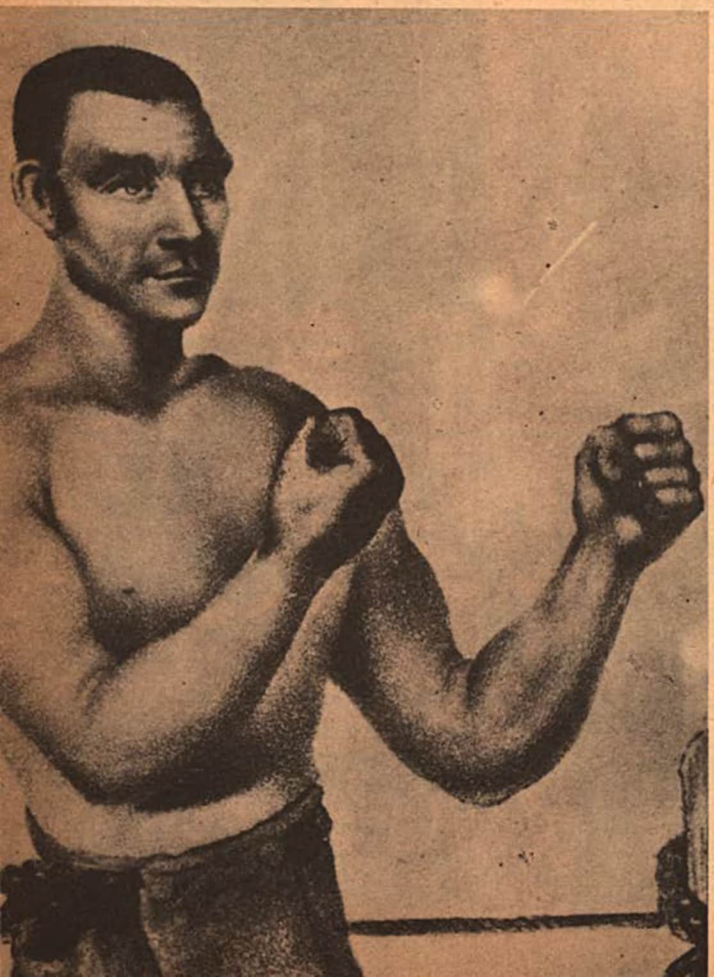
(Above) Molineaux's predecessor, and first Negro ringman, was Bill Richmond, who was said to have whipped several British soldiers in succession when they fell upon him in a tavern back in 1777.

(Right) Only a middleweight by today's standards, Tom Sayers rose to the top and became heavyweight champion on June 15, 1858, when he beat Tom Paddock.

One of the Negro pioneers in the ring was Virginian Tom Molineaux, born March 23, 1784.

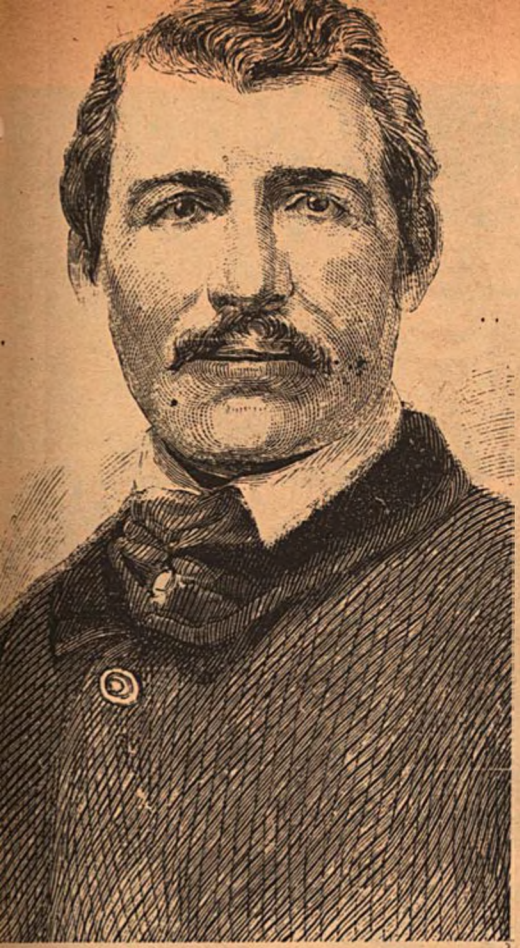
(Right) Jem Mace was probably the greatest pugilist England ever produced, and is considered the Father of the Modern School of British Scientific Boxing.

Although Tom Hyer's father, Jacob, was considered the leading American heavyweight, Tom was the first American to gain press and public recognition as champion of the U.S., on Feb. 7, 1849.



(Above) A top man in Tammany Hall, John Morrissey was not terribly skilled as a boxer, but would wear down his opponents with his remarkable endurance.

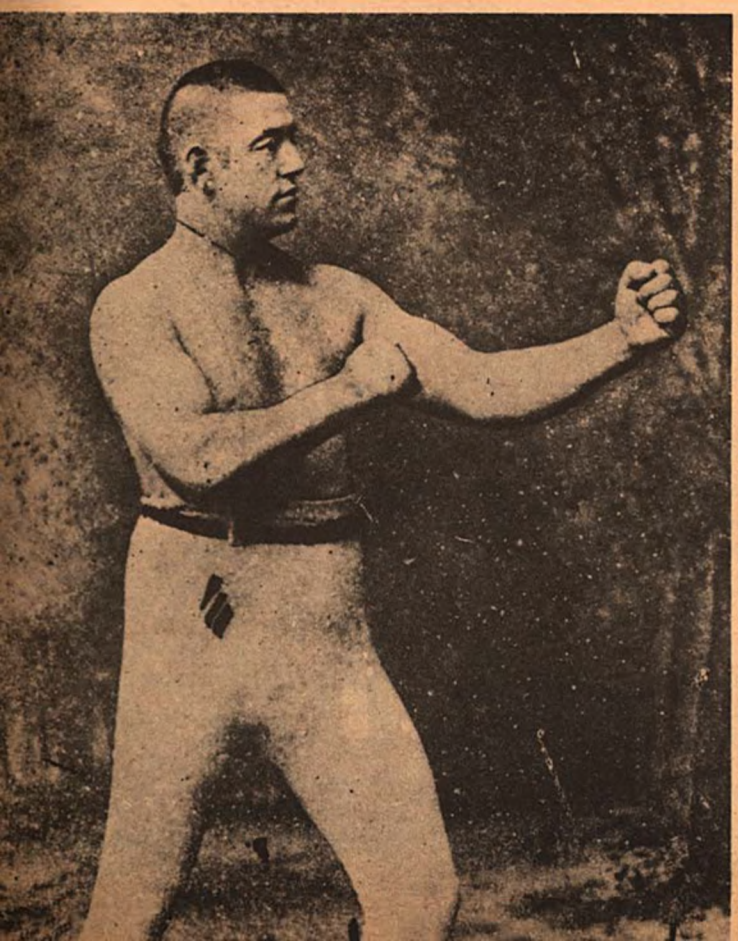
(Left) A power in politics and the ring, "Yankee" Sullivan ultimately lost the crown to Tom Hyer, moved west, and met a mysterious death in a California jail.



Known as a clever boxer with great punching power, John C. Heenan, born in New York in 1833, is seen dressed for his wedding.

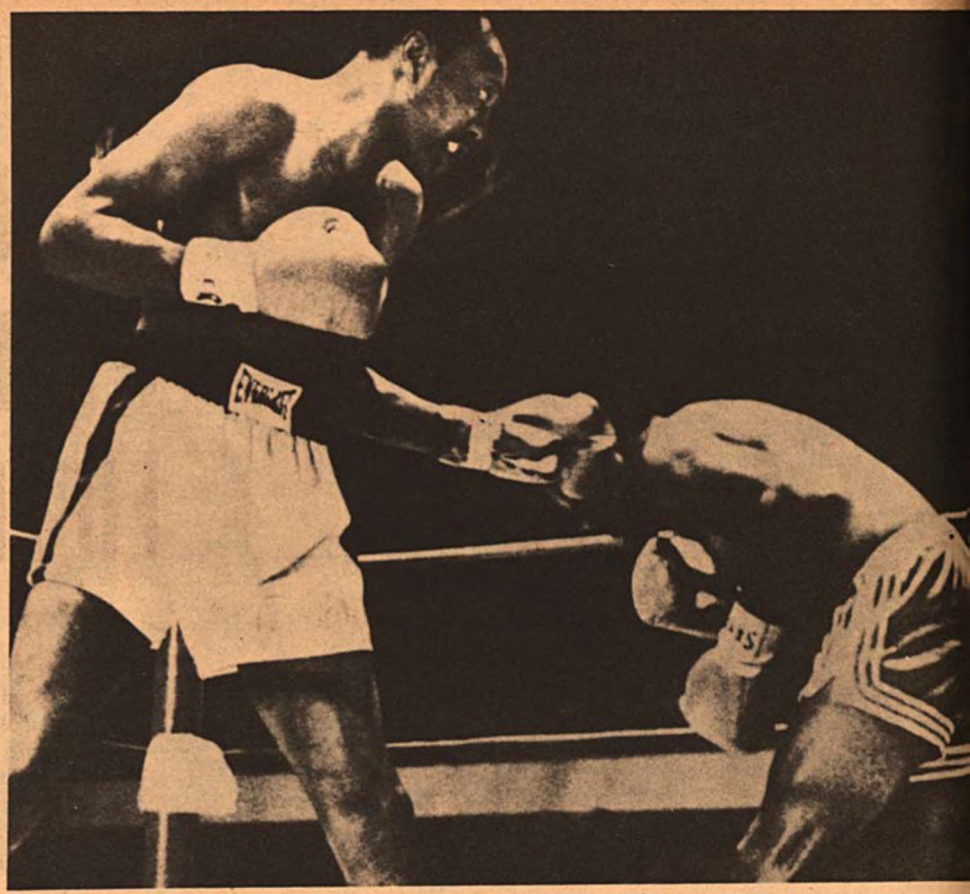
Johnny Dwyer, of Brooklyn, fought a brutal bout with the tough ring veteran Jimmy Elliott for the American championship, on May 9, 1879. Elliot was finally stopped in the 12th round.

Champion for one fight, Paddy Ryan won the American heavyweight title by defeating Joe Goss in 87 rounds, on May 30, 1880, and lost his next fight to John L. Sullivan in 9.



John L. Sullivan was to many "the Champion of Champions." Fierce, powerful, and fast, John L. caught the public's imagination, and marked the beginning of a new era in boxing.

# FOSTER MAULS HARDNEY IN 3 WANTS SOME OF THAT DOUGH



**Bob Foster on the comeback trail wins. The former lightweight champion puts Bill Hardney away. Ko in the third round at Sante Fe New Nexico.**

**By BART RIPP**

SANTA FE, New Mexico—In another of what has become a string of strange boxing encounters, former world light heavyweight champion Bob Foster returned to the ring in a high school gym for a fight against a man who'd been retired because he had "lost the ability to defend himself."

Foster, 179½, of Albuquerque, knocked out Wild Bill Hardney at 1:26 of the third round in a scheduled 10-round bout at 3600-seat Sweeney Gym here.

A crowd of 400 persons showed up for the return of Foster, a Bernalillo County Sheriff's Dept. detective.

It was Bobby's first fight since his draw with Jorge Ahumada in Albuquerque on June 17, 1974. Foster retired last September in the midst of a dispute with the World Boxing Assn. and the World Boxing Council over who his next opponent should be.

The Maryland State Athletic Commission had written another WBA board, the Albuquerque Boxing and Wrestling Board, that Hardney had been retired since February of 1974 as events transferred Hardney was no problem for Foster.

Hardney, 190, of Baltimore, didn't get hurt, but was defenseless against Foster's jolting left jabs and the right cross that kayoed him in the third. In the first two rounds, Foster, who looked exceedingly sharp, bloodied Hardney's nose and eyes.

Foster, who made a record 14 title defenses, said he was satisfied with the exhibition and hoped for another tuneup in a month.

"You got to understand I ain't been in a ring in over a year," Foster said before the bout. "I don't know how I'm gonna feel in there. You can't knock a guy unless you seen him."

Foster had seen Hardney once before, kayoing him in the fourth round on Feb. 24, 1970 in Orlando, Fla.

"Look at Muhammad Ali," continued Foster, 36. "When he laid off that time, he returned against Jerry Quarry. Who's Jerry Quarry? Nothing."

"Bobby looked better than he did in his last two or three fights," said Henry Grooms, the manager of U.S. light heavyweight titleholder Len "The Stinger" Hutchins. "I never seen a right connect like that one did."

"Maybe that layoff did Bobby some good. His left hand looked good and sharp."

Grooms, of Kalamazoo, Mich., was in New Mexico to try to make Hutchins and Foster. Before Foster's aborted retirement and Hutchins' defeat by WBA champ Victor Galindez, Grooms had offered Foster $200,000 to defend the title against Len.

Foster says he wants four or five more tuneups, then a title shot at Galindez or WBC titleholder John Conteh.

"I love the game," said Foster, now 52-6-1 with 43 knockouts. "I'm gonna win the crown back, then retire again. Conteh or Galindez, it don't make no difference. But I don't especially want to fight Conteh. I like him. He's a good guy.

"Conteh and Galindez can't make no money without me in there. Conteh is too slow and too little. Galindez is strong, but he's dumb. All I want is my $200,000 and four plane tickets (for wife Pearl, trainer Billy Edwards and aide-de-camp Lorenzo Brown)."

The card featuring Foster, one of the greatest light heavyweights ever, opened with a karate exhibition and also had a good women's wrestling exhibition.

A wrestling promoter named Frank Saiz

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ROUND 15

# NAPOLES FINDS MUNIZ STILL STANDING AFTER FIFTEEN

By EDUARDO AMER

MEXICO CITY; Jose Napoles retained the world welterweight title by beating Armando Muniz, of Los Angeles, and it took Jose the scheduled 15 rounds to turn the trick.

It was a fierce, bloody battle. When it was all over, Napoles had a bad gash over the right eyebrow and his eye was almost shut.

Muniz came out of the fracas with a cut over the left eye and another slash above the right cheek.

Taking it by and large, it was quite an experience for the onetime inimitable Napoles, who did not have the fire and power which used to feature his action.

Napoles dominated most of the fighting and decked Muniz with ten seconds to go in the eighth round.

The challenger arose quickly.

It was Jose's fourteenth defense of the title he won seven years ago. His second defence of this year.

It was Napoles' eighty first fight, and marked his seventeenth year in the ring.

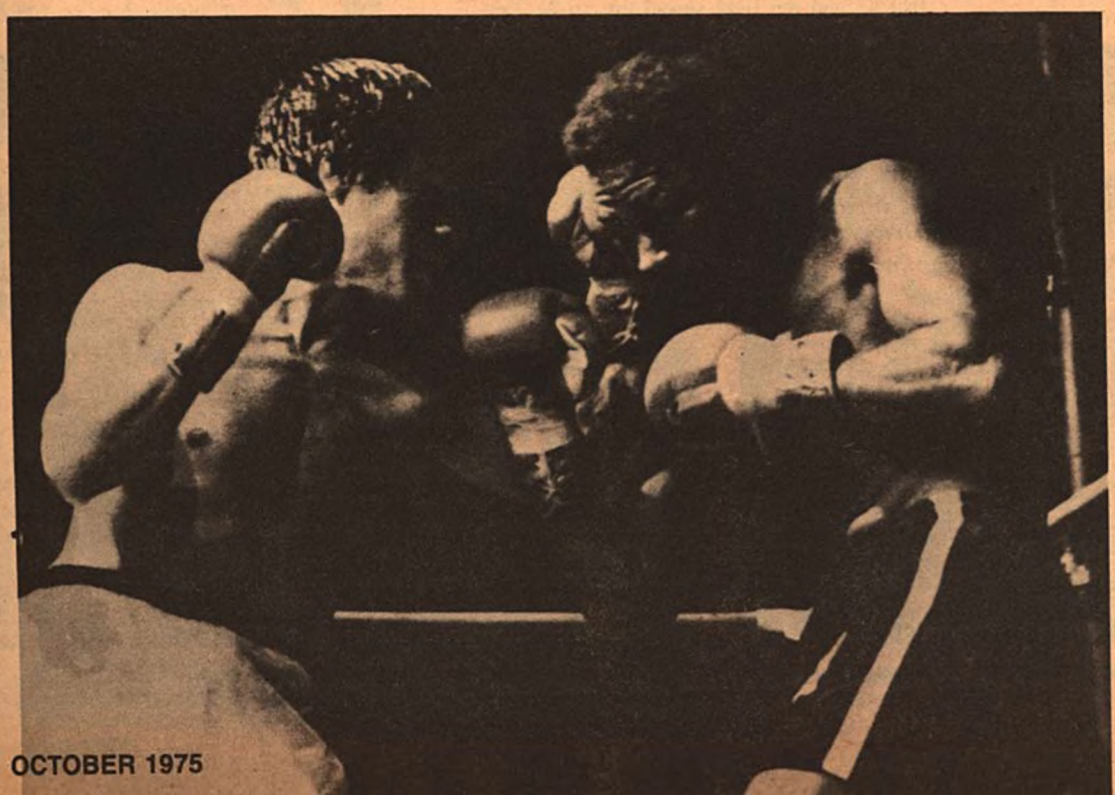
Muniz weighed 146½.

Muniz fought in flurries and did not appear to give himself a real chance for the title.

In fact, after the fight Muniz said that he lost confidence after the eighth round knockdown. He felt he was not in the best of shape for the job in front of him.

Muniz gave just about all he had when he rallied in the eleventh round, but the champion had too much for Armando.

Napoles killed a report that he was slipping badly and was not in condition. Jose fought a impressive fight, but not a spectacular one of the old Napoles type.



**Jose Napoles (left) ducks away from a left hook of Armando Muniz, in a defense of his welterweight title in Mexico City. Napoles won a 15 round nod.**

ROUND 15

# ANGEL ESPADA TAKES W.B.A. VACANT TITLE, VIA 15 RD. DECISION

**By MARIO RIVERA MARTINA**

SAN JUAN, P. R.—Angel Espada became the fourth Puerto Rican to win a world title when he scored a unanimous fifteen round decision over Clyde Gray before 10,000 deliriously happy islanders.

Although there was no doubt as to the decision in Espada's favor, the fight was much closer than what was tallied by the officials. Gray proved to be a formidable opponent who never gave ground despite a messy cut under the right eye.

The vacant WBA title was at stake.

The Canadian had the local fans worried when, going into the fourth round, he seemed to have things well in hand as he scored repeatedly with short rights to the head.

In the fourth round Espada took command when a vicious left hook produced the cut eye that proved to be the turning point of the fight.

Gray's worried cornermen worked fast and furiously between rounds to keep Clyde in condition. These middle rounds were the best for Espada, even though Gray did most of the forcing. From the fourth to the tenth Espada piled up an ample lead as the injured optic bled on and off.

The ever aggressive Gray was not one to be denied, and in the eleventh he had one of his best rounds, as he hurt Espada with a good right cross and carried the first two and a half minutes of the round by the proverbial mile.

Espada rallied in the last seconds of the round and continued this momentum in the twelfth and most of the thirteenth. Gray closed strongly in the thirteenth, and continued to plod forward against a backtracking Espada to take the fourteenth as well as the fifteenth. In this last session Espada was told that he had the fight sewed up, so he cleverly tied up his man for most of the round.

The officials voted unanimously for Espada, with Panamanian referee Isaac Herrera scoring it 146-143, judge Larry Rozadilla 147-139, while Venezuelan Luis Zurbaran scored 148-144.

The Canadian group accepted the defeat in good grace with some dissidents feeling that a draw would have been a better decision.

Former Canadian titleholder George Chuvalo received a tremendous ovation when he was introduced prior to the fight. After the fight George stated, "Espada surprised me by his coolness in battle. He hits with authority, but I thought it was a real close battle."

This title bout was for the W.B.A. version. Although W.B.C. and The Ring recognize Jose Napoles as titleholder, W.B.A. stripped Napoles of the title when he refused

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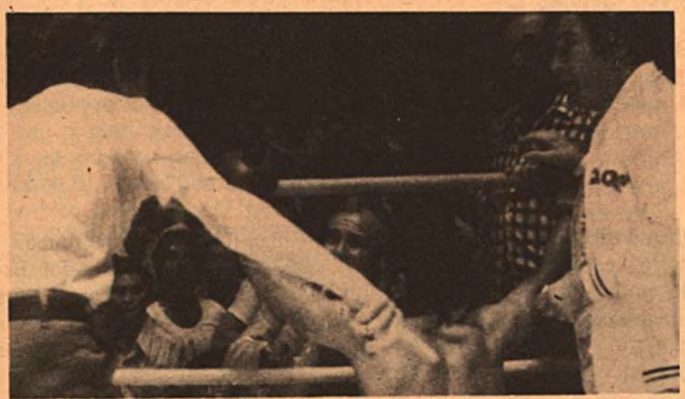
**A long right by Espada crashes into Gray's face, aggrevating Clyde's already injured eye.**

**New WBA welterweight champion Angel Espada, middle, receives a trophy from ex-bantamweight champ Sixto Escobar, left, after Espada's unanimous decision over Gray.**

# ROUND 8

# MUANGSURIN WINS W.B.C. JUNIOR WELTER TITLE

By JUAN ORTEGA



Pedro Fernandez (center) halted his contest with Saensak Muangsurin in the 8th round. Fernandez's handlers look on, while referee Magana Ansorena asks Fernandez if he wants to quit. Muangsurin, thailand, won the W.B.C. junior welter title.

SPAIN's Pedro Fernandez did not come out for the eight round of his title defense against Thailand's Saensak Muangsurin, in Bangkok, Thailand; The thai won the title standing in his corner.

Fernandez, hurt earlier in the contest by the former Thai-Style champion, felt that his injuries were too bad to resume the battle in round nine. His corner stood here agast at what was going on. They tried to have him go on but Fernandez broke away from them and walk over to Muangsurin and raised his hand in victory. Mexican referee Magana Anserena then asked Pedro if he wished to continue, the answer was no!

This was Fernandez's second defense of the title, which he won from Lion Furuyama in Rome Sept. 24, 1974. He retained his crown against Joa Henrique, Brazil, via ninth round kayo. He hasn't done well in his non-title bouts. Beating Winston Noel and Frank Molina, drawing with Jonathan Dele, losing in ten to Romano Fanali in Spain. Fernandez proved he wasn't much of a champion.

Saengsak won the W.B.C. title in only his third pro fight. He

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# ROUND 2

# ESCALERA STOPS SHIBATA IN JAPAN

By JOEY KOIZUM

TOKYO, JAPAN—Alfredo Escalera, 22 year-old Puerto Rican, became the WBC's junior lightweight leader, as he impressively stopped Kuniaki Shibata in the second round of a scheduled 15-round contest.

Some 12,000 spectators were in attendance at Kasamatsu Gymnasium, Ibaragi Prefecture, where Shibata was born. Japan is in mourning.

It was a short, but terrific battle. In the first session they made a cautious start to study the opponent's mobility. Escalera stood in an up-right style and was taller by four inches than Shibata. Shibata's punching was sharp enough to make the crowd expect an early kayo. But Alfredo's devastating right exploded at the Japanese's jaw in round two.

Shibata almost hit the deck, but fought back with all-out lefts and rights. The lanky winner continued punching Kuni's face. The scrappy guys exchanged a rally toe-to-toe. For all the punishment of Escalera's right shot, the Japanese mixed it up too gamely, or too recklessly. The shorter Kuni took strong blows successively. He endured Alfredo's attack to make the tide turn with a roundhouse

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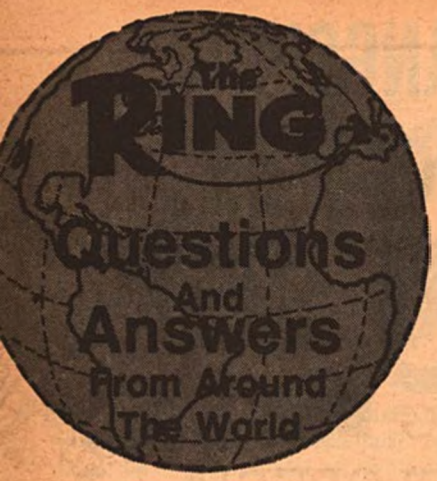
**Alfredo Escalera (right) scores with a right to the jaw of W.B.C. junior lightweight king Kuniaki Shibata. Shibata goes down for the full count, in their title bout held in Mito, Japan.**




**Q.** I note that on some fights in Britain they now have one referee in the ring and one outside. Please explain.

**Barney Corrigan**
**Memphis, Tenn.**

**A. The Answer Man wrote to The Ring's representative in London and received this explanation:**

**In reply to your letter about referees officiating from outside the ring, this applies only when an application is made for a referee's license.**

**The whole procedure, laid down by the Referees' Committee, is as follows:**

**(a) The man is interviewed by his Area Council to decide first of all whether or not he has the necessary knowledge of the sport.**

**(b) Next step—he goes to a promotion and scores the contest, quite unofficially, from outside the ring. His scorecard will then be compared with that of the official referee, to see if he is on the right lines.**

**(c) He will then be examined orally on the rules, possibly for about half an hour.**

**(d) He then goes to a promotion, and handles a contest from inside the ring. In doing so he has the power to stop a bout or disqualify a boxer, or any action that a referee would take. BUT if the bout goes the full distance, it is scored by a licensed referee from outside the ring.**

**If he has satisfied all requirements he is given his license.**

**That is the only time a bout is scored from outside the ring, and is only done so because the applicant inside the ring is still on trial, and not yet licensed.**

**Ron Olver**
**London, England**

**Q.** I have been reading up on Ali's early fights and am especially interested in the story of the fight in which he took the title from Liston. Is it true that Muhammad got some liniment in his eyes and wanted to retire before the fifth round? Did Angie Dundee actually lift him and shove him into the action for round 5?

**Teilly Carnes**
**Fresno, Calif.**

**A. It appears to be true that Ali got some Liston rubdown liquid into an eye and was blinded temporarily. It also seems true that Angie shoved him into the fight again.**

**Q.** Have you kept track of the number of letters you have received favoring the top ten heavies in your recent poll? I wonder if you got most of the support in favor of Louis and how many letters you got voting against him. I believe that Jeffries was the No. 1 man and I am positive that Johnson, Marciano and Ali were overrated. In all, the poll amazed me.

**Verne Garlick**
**Huntington, West Va.**

**A. We have not kept count of the number of approvals and disapprovals received for the Top Ten heavies in the poll. Offhand I would say that Louis got more approvals than disapprovals, many more.**

**Q.** Do you believe that The Ring Poll gave Billy Papke a square deal with No. 7? Were the pollsters aware that Papke whipped Ketchel? Middles of Ketchel's time suffered from fighting in the shadow of the great Stan. Today Papke would be a great fighter. I have another beef about the middleweight ratings. How come you failed to give any rating to Carlos Monzon? Shame on you.

**Forrest Givvins**
**Baton Rouge, La.**

**Q.** We have a luncheon group which discusses boxing, baseball, football and other sports. Right now the big topic is Muhammad Ali. This is not a new subject. We have been talking Ali ever since he beat Liston. We note that The Ring poll not so long ago gave him No. 9 rating among the heavyweights of the glove era, and we are inclined to disagree with your magazine in no uncertain terms. We are not inclined to cheer for the old timers. We have seen movies of the vets and they lacked a lot of skills which the heavies of today display to a marked degree. I know it is a sacrilege to denigrate John L. Sullivan but judging from his record he was just an ordinary fighter compared with Muhammad. We do not believe that Tunney could have gone 15 rounds with Ali. We believe that after Ali has retired The Ring will have another poll.

**James J. Dealey**
**New Orleans, La.**

**A. The Answer Man is inclined to agree with you on Sullivan. But he believes that The Ring poll is a fair and honest one and that the designation of Ali as No. 9 could not be improved on. Ali is not and never has been a HITTER. Jeffries might have had some trouble catching him but once caught, Muhammad would have had a miserable time. Ditto for Louis. Ditto for Johnson.**

**Q.** I have been doing a book on Les Darcy, whom we in Australia rate the greatest fighter in our history. It has occurred to me that while Darcy is all that we regard him as having been, we may be going overboard insofar as international rating is concerned. I am appealing to The Ring to give me some help in getting the proper stand on our hero as a fighter of international stature. How good was Darcy among the fighters of the world? How good was Darcy with respect to Stanley Ketchel? Any assistance that you may be able to give me in getting the accurate perspective would be greatly appreciated.

**John Henry Yarborough**
**Melbourne, Australia**

**A. There is a mass of material never touched on about Les in Australia. Get after that. Insofar as the world perspective on him is concerned, the poll on the top middleweights conducted by The Ring among its staff members not so long ago produced this middleweight rating: 1, Stan Ketchel; 2, Tommy Ryan; 3, Harry Greb; 4, Mickey Walker; 5, Ray Robinson; 6, Frank Klaus; 7, Billy Papke; 8, Les Darcy; 9, Mike Gibbons; 10, Jeff Smith.**

**Q.** Was Marvin Hart ever the heavyweight champion? He beat retiring Jeffries, having named Hart and Root to fight for the open title.

**Frank H. Tedesco**
**San Francisco, Calif.**

**A. Hart never was the champion. Jeff had no right to name Root and Hart, that is, if he ever did and he denied that he had done so.**

**Q.** Was Ezzard Charles a real heavyweight? When I saw him fight Jersey Joe Walcott here I thought he was a blown up light heavy.

**Jake Treppler**
**Philadelphia, Pa.**

**A. Charles usually hit the scales at 182 as a heavyweight. He was a real champion in skill and spirit. Remember, Jack Dempsey weighed only 182½ pounds the afternoon he mauled Jess Willard, 245.**

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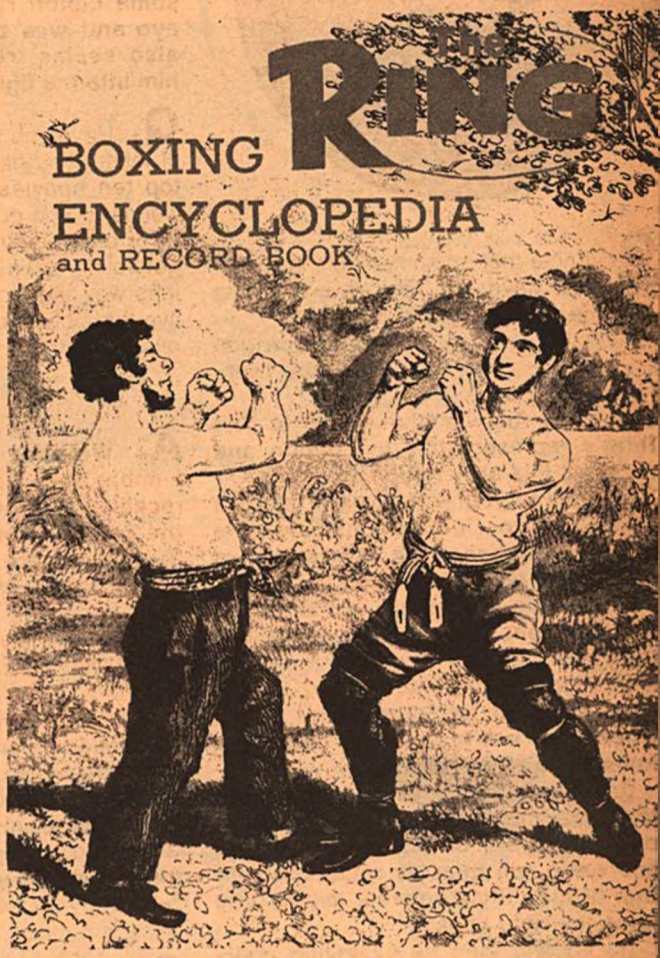


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### ALI TALKS TOO MUCH

Muhammad Ali just has "informed" the world that he is retiring. This is very interesting, if true. But I do not see Ali giving up millions waiting him in a fight with Frazier. I think he is trying to throw a scare into Joe. The third fight with Muhammad is Joe's last big money chance and neither he nor Ali is going to pass up that kind of dough. Herbert Mohammed should take Ali in hand in a serious way and get him to stop tossing around the bunk.

**Sam Frobisher**
**Chicago, Ill.**

### THE CHACION "TRAGEDY"

The Chacion "tragedy" cost me $100. Bobby's so-called fight with Oliveras should not have been given the Commission medical okay. I do not understand how it was possible for a fighter to be 16 pounds overweight only ten days before the bell.

Did Chacon think that he could make any kind of showing, let alone a winning one, in the situation in which he found himself only ten days before the fight? Did he think he was fighting for the welterweight championship? Things like that should not be possible.

**Henry Gottesman**
**Long Beach, Calif.**

### FIGHTERS ARE LIVING HIGH

I have been following boxing for many years. Never before did I see so many fighters forced to move up into heavier divisions because of inability to make the weight. The Chacon case is just one of many. I would like The Ring to list the cases of fighters who have been forced to move up, like Chacon, who has announced that he no longer will fight in the featherweight division. Commissions should stop forcing boxers to weaken themselves by making weights they simply cannot attain. They have to stop fighting nature. The public has to take the rap, as it did when Chacon was knocked out in the second round. He was not fit to hear the opening bell. This is a form of scullduggery whereby the overweight fighter collects on false pretenses and the fans are bilked. What is a Commission for, if not to protect the public in all contingencies?

**Hal Lemaire**
**Los Angeles, Calif.**

### HARDNEY NOT GOOD ENOUGH?

In opening his comeback, Bob Foster picked Wild Bill Hardney, whom he stopped in the third round. I think that Foster should have picked somebody of better calibre. I had heard of Hardney but too often as a sparring partner. Santa Fe fans were entitled to something better than Hardney. If Foster wanted to give himself a real tryout he should have met Hardney in a free show. I do not like some of the dodges some fighters adopt to give the fans a hiding.

**Grancisco Correndo**
**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

### WHEN JACK DUMPED CARP

Was there any bad talk when Dempsey stopped Georges Carpentier at Boyle's Thirty Acres?

**Walter K. Friendly**
**New York, N.Y.**

**Editor's Note — There was no "talk." It was an up and up fight. Except that it was not exactly the greatest match in heavyweight history. Carp did not weigh 170 and it was a foregone conclusion that Dempsey would take him early. Carp did his training in secret because he did not want to reveal his lack of weight.**

**Jack Curley was the brain behind this Battle of the Century.**

### WAS THERE AN IDEAL FIGHTER?

We were discussing The Ring's heavy poll, and we came to the conclusion that there never has been an ideal heavyweight. This one had no punch, that one had no cleverness, the other one could not fight in close, another could not move around. We found that putting together a perfect fighter was impossible. I agree with the poll in its production of Joe Louis as No. 1 heavy. Certainly not the ideal fighter but as close as we can get to one. The KO punch always has been the great desideratum. Louis had it.

**Henry Gellert**
**New Orleans, La.**

### GUAM NO LIKE IT

A couple of other Guamites having decided to fly to Kuala for the fight, I decided to go along. I had not seen a really important fight since I lived in New York and was a steady patron of the Garden at 49th. Street. So off we went to Indonesia, and Ali and Bugner. Well, it is a beautiful country with historic monuments dating back before Washington crossed the Delaware. Kuala is a surprising city. I did not expect so progressive a city. The temples are fascinating. I found the people friendly. I am going back next year to spend some time there. The fight? Was there really a fight? I never saw one.

**Hurley Crane**
**Guam, USA**

### STRESSING THE BIG MEN

I was reading newspaper comment on the Ali-Bugner affair and was impressed with the statement of one of the experts thanking Don King for taking the bout as far away from New York as Indoneisa. He wrote that a lot of the odor had reached Broadway. It struck me that there was too much stress on the heavies and not enough on the lesser divisions. Carlos Monzon, now, there was class in strategy and in punching power. Give him 25 pounds more and he chases Muhammad All the way back to Louisville. I place a lot of the blame for the heavy craze on The Ring. Give the lighter classes more attention. Give them more pictures, more human interest features. Stop the over-play of the guys who are making suckers of the fans. I do not blame the fighters. They are having big money thrown at them. Why pass it up?

**Martin Glazer**
**Brooklyn, N.Y.**

### A WORK OF ART

I am a woman and I like fights. I am an artist. I think that Muhammad Ali is a work of art. He is a beautiful man. The white features stand out in his physical makeup and in his sensitiveness and resentment. He is undoubtedly a Clay and certainly not a Muhammad. There is a most interesting story in his genealogy. A Moslem he is not and never will be.

**Ms. Henrietta Gallant**
**Saratoga, N.Y.**

### THE CHACON STORY

The Chacon tragedy you will not find matched in featherweight history. The story of a trainer who let a young boxer

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# ART ARAGON EX-FIGHTER STILL IS COAST GOLDEN BOY

**By JESS HERNANDEZ**

**LOS ANGELES, CAL. — Despite the passing years since his retirement from the ring, Art Aragon, the legendary Golden Boy remains in the fistic spotlight. Fact is Art never left it. In retrospect, the former lightweight and welterweight contender was a popular and colorful boxing figure, who crashed the Hollywood movie circle following his last bout in the late 1950s.**

Art's latest film is "Fat City." With more movie parts to follow he seems headed for Hollywood stardom.

Art's biggest night in boxing took place on August 28, 1951, at the Olympic Auditorium here when he beat lightweight champ Jimmy Carter in 10 rounds. "A week before the Carter fight for the lightweight title, I weighed 144½," said the Golden Boy. "I was the only fighter they ever carried into the ring." A typical and sarcastic Aragon verbal expression whose charisma and wisecracks haven't dimmed his rapport with the boxing public.

"Beating Carter was my greatest fight thrill and the applause that followed the fight was the second greatest," Aragon remarked. "Strange, but following my defeat to Jimmy for the title on Nov. 14, 1951, the fans at the Olympic went back to booing me. After that I didn't care what they did."

Aragon's popularity at the Hollywood Legion Stadium in the late 40s and early 50s was amazing. He sold out the fight club everytime he headlined.

Art was dubbed "Golden Boy" because of his remarkable resemblance to movie actor William Holden who was a regular ringside fan and who filmed the movie "Golden Boy," a boxing story made in 1938.

**Art Aragon seen with Marshall Wright of the famed Cauliflower Alley Club, honoring James Cagney.**

Although he never won a world's championship in a boxing career that began in the mid-forties in Los Angeles, Aragon met and defeated ex-world's lightweight king Lauro Salas, Jimmy Car-

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UP AND DOWN

# Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

The triple header staged the last day of June is long gone but the memories linger on. It was the aftermath that intrigued. Everyone agreed that Muhammad Ali won hands down from Joe Bugner in the heavyweight championship match staged in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. From our viewpoint, watching it on the screen, it was nothing to write home about. The Englishman got his half million bucks but didn't acquit himself as far as his performance went.

The two title matches in New York's Madison Square Garden were stories of a different kind. Both were waged to the best of the ability of the champions and challengers and there were no derogatory statements afterwards.

The Garden announced they had drawn 13,496 paid customers with a gross gate of $403,625.98. The Commission's figures were 11,241, with the gate $374,625.98. As a reporter we just mention these facts.

As for the Garden setup, reports had it that the show would stand the local promoters around $400,000. The figures given out beforehand about the quartette of scrappers to be used stood them around $300,000 in guarantees. The breakdown is puzzling. Monzon was said to be enriched by $163,000, $50,000 to be paid here, tax free, with challenger Tony Licata getting $35,000.

Light heavyweight WBA kingpin Victor Galindez is said to have been guaranteed $50,000 plus all television rights while Jorge Ahumada, his countryman opponent, was reimbursed by $35,000.

Ahumada, although clearly outpointed, tried throughout, but was outclassed for the fourth time in five meetings with Galindez, a reminder of the days when Jake LaMotta, the Bull, former middleweight king, was in action. Licata, a good boxer, had little chance.

Monzon, a bit slow at the start due to his layoff, is dynamite and he proved it thereafter, until referee Tony Perez finally called it off after 2:43 of the tenth round.

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Oddities in the two Garden fights: Jorge Albin, one of the two Argentinian officials approved to operate as a judge, turned in a 6-2-7 card for Galindez, only the second time in memory we knew of a ring official having so many rounds even. Only other time was when Jack Dempsey did so while refereeing the ten round scrap between the late Ezzard Charles and Rex Layne in Salt Lake City.

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Second oddity was the confusion due to the knockdown punch scored by Monzon over Licata, which came just about the time the bell was about to ring denoting the end of round three of their middleweight title match.

We remember broadcasting the Joe Louis-Buddy Baer heavyweight title match in the Griffith Stadium, in Washington, D.C., when the "Brown Bomber" was the kingpin. Joe connected just as the bell sounded ending the sixth round, and Baer's seconds refused to let him come out for the seventh chapter, which went against him as a kayo.

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Jack Dempsey's 80th birthday was celebrated at one of the mid-town restaurants with Earl Wilson, Post, said to have been the only member of the press present. Incidentally, Jack also was honored at an amusement park on Long Island, receiving a plaque for being the most indestructible heavyweight. Our salute to the "Manassa Mauler." He was great.

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Getting back to the Garden setup in the two title matches that produced another oddity. Three Argentinians on the card. Bugner, a Briton, who was born in Hungary. The other two were the Americans, heavyweight king Muhammad Ali and challenger Tony Licata, of Chinese-Italian ancestry.

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Catching up with overlooked business during the Summer months. The wonderful testimonial tossed by Al Reid's VBA Ring #8 at the Statler Hilton to honor Rose Katz, wife of member Mike, and Abe Berman, a hard working member. The affair resulted in a sellout with many members of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21 in Brooklyn and a number of Jersey VBA ring folks also being on hand. Rose and Abe certainly deserved the laurels, for they have been hard workers. Our heartiest congratulations.

MONZON HOLDS ARMS UP IN VICTORY OVER LICATA, AT THE GARDEN.

Quite a party was tossed at the Coney Island Astroland by the local Mayors, at which Rocky Graziano, former middleweight champion, along with Mayor Abe Beame and other dignitaries, were on hand, when more than 5,000 blind and otherwise handicapped children were treated to a day's outing. The Community Mayors of New York State did a wonderful job. Sammy Markowitz, ex-fighter and Mayor of Borough Park, together with Dominick DeLaRocca, Deputy Chief Mayor, and others did a wonderful job.

Graziano was a decided hit and was besieged by the youngsters. Besides the ex-middleweight king and Mayor Beame, other celebs were Tony Durso, former Deputy Boxing Commissioner and now County Clerk of Kings County, as well as Jack Duberstein, former Deputy Boxing Commissioner, and Tommy Cuite, a majority leader of the City Council.

Ring #21 was represented by Larry Young, Augie Parente, Sammy Venti, Johnny Mandello, Joe Colozza and Nick Pertucci, while from Al Reid's Ring #8 were President Al, Harold Besser, Phil Rutha and Abe Berman.

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Judge Michael M. Potoker of the Family Court, informed us that a Long Island society which learned that the grave of Battling Siki, former light heavyweight champion, was without a marker, immediately took care of the matter.

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**Light heavyweight Willie Taylor and his wife Brenda, with their two children, Charlina setting on her mother's lap and son Willie Jr. on dad's knee.**

# WILLIE TAYLOR NEW THREAT IN LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT RANKS

**By JOHN ORT**

A FARM boy for his first 18 years, Willie Taylor now looms as one of the brightest stars in the light heavyweight division. Born to a sharecropper in Bethlam, N.C., Willie is one of 11 children.

He toiled on the farm until his graduation from Phillips High in 1969, then moved to Brooklyn to live with one of his brothers and worked in a local print shop. The real reason for going to the big city was to start a boxing career.

Willie said: "In 1968 I saw the Floyd Patterson-Jimmy Ellis fight on T.V. and right then I said to myself that I wanted to be a boxer like Floyd. So that's why I'm here in the Big Apple."

During 1969-1970 he worked out at the local P.A.L. gym, learning the boxing trade. In 1971 Willie entered the New York City Golden Gloves and won the Sub-Novice 175 pound championship, representing the Wynn P.A.L. team. His record for that tournament was 4 wins by decision and 1 kayo. He boxed all five bouts with a broken right hand.

The next year in the Gloves he lost in the finals for the open light heavyweight championship. Also that year, he was defeated in the semi-final round of the Eastern Regional Olympic trials held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Willie's amateur career was handled by Richie Hill, who guided him to two city-wide heavy titles. Hill recommended boxing manager Mike Capriano to move him in the pro's. So, on October 10, 1972, in New Bedford, Mass., Willie Taylor had his first professional bout, winning a six round nod over Jerry Tram.

During his first two years in the fight-for-pay ranks, he won 8, lost 1, drew 1, scoring 5 kayoes. He beat men like Bob Green, Willie Mack, Don Wigfall, Willie Classon, and won and lost to Freddy Bright. Willie says of the Bright bouts: "I was robbed on the first one. I beat him 4 out of 6 rounds. The second fight I stayed on top of him from the start and finally knocked him out in the 6th."

Last year Willie moved up in class. He started the year with a six round kayo over Kevin Pantalow. In his first ten round main-go he lost a split decision to Angel

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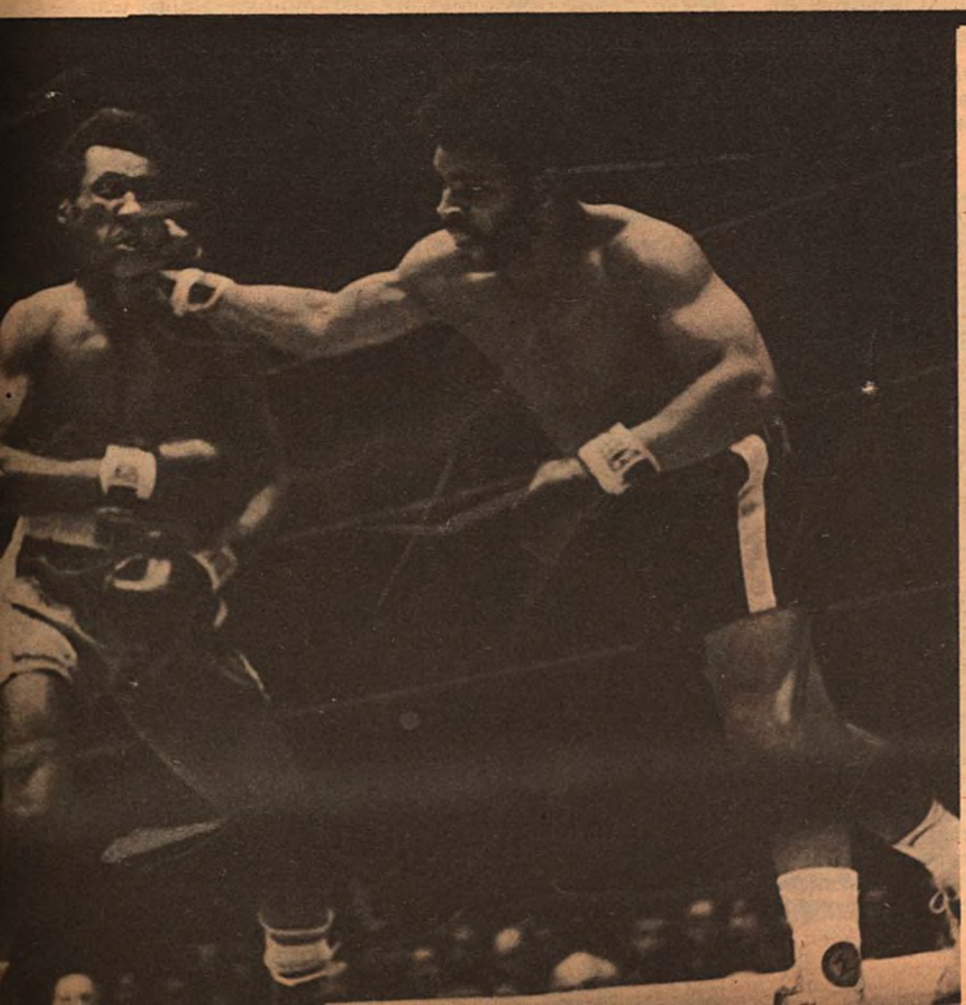
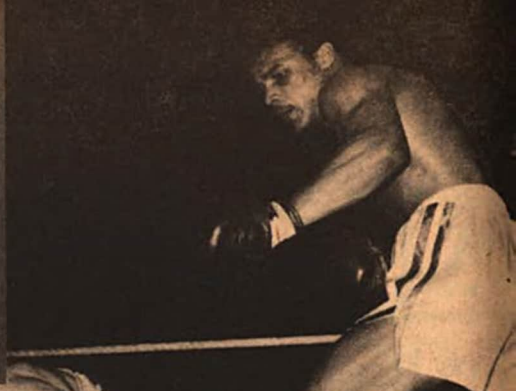
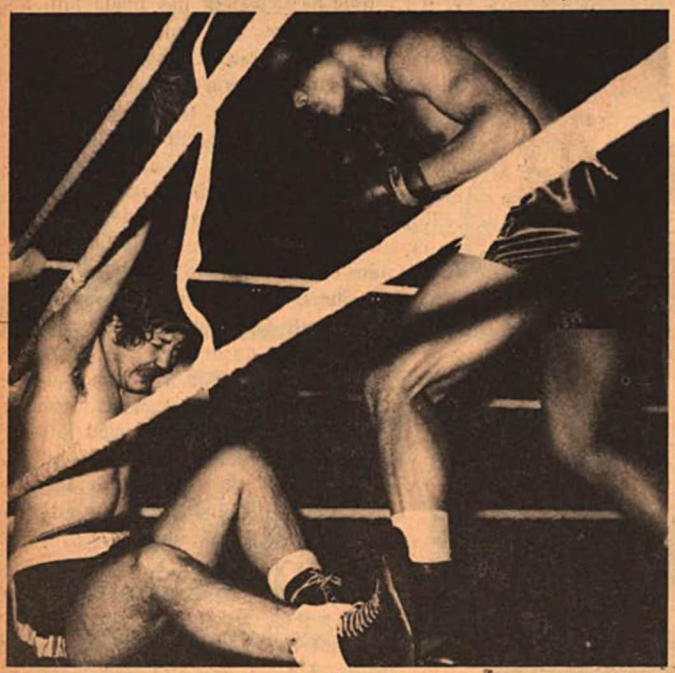


**Willie Taylor (right) landing a hard right hand to the jaw of Freddy Bright in their contest held at Madison Sq. Garden, November 5, 1973. Taylor won on a 6 round kayo.**

# CONTEH THE LT. HEAVY CHAMP IN ACTION

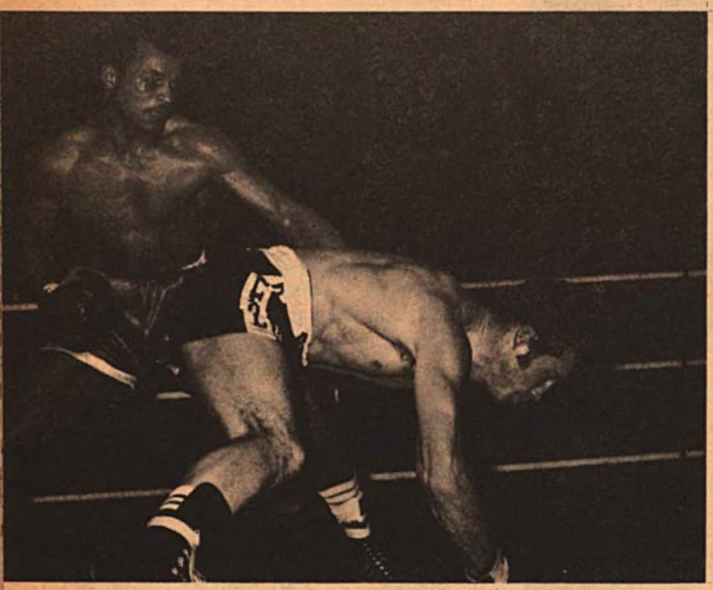


John Conteh stands over a dazed Rudi Schmidtke, of West Germany, from whom the Englishman won the European light heavyweight title on March 14, 1973, when the bout was stopped in the 12th round.



November 16, 1971, saw Frankie Bullard, downed in a corner of the ring, suffering so much punishment at the hands of Conteh, that the referee ended the fight 56 seconds into the second round.

American Lonnie Bennet recoils from a left to the head delivered by Conteh during his most recent defense of Conteh's WBC title on March 11, 1975. The referee halted the bout at 1:10 of the 5th round, due to a cut over Bennet's left eye.



(Above) Another KO for Conteh was scored when the March 12, 1974 fight with Denmark's Tom Bogs, here falling to the mat, was called in the 6th to save Bogs from further damage. (Right) Jorge Ahumada, of Argentina, bows under a right delivered by Conteh during the 15 round bout which gave Conteh the WBC half of the world light heavyweight title by decision. Victor Galindez retains the WBA half of the crown.

Two matches on his way to the top show Robert Cassidy (above center) just after being declared winner by TKO in the 10th round, over Jose Gonzales (above left) on May 24, 1972, and (below) smashing a hard left to the body of Santiago Fernandes, October 13, 1969, which he won by KO.

# CASSIDY'S SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY TO FAME

**By JANE WARRENGRAND**

THE hardest punching south-paw in boxing goes six rounds today and looks better and better, as trainer Tony Canzi pours the water down his throat to relieve the parchness. The water doesn't alleiviate the thirst — only John Conteh or Victor Galindez and the title, the title, the title could do that.

Cassidy finishes the training session and stops on his way out to sign some autographs. The news that he's the top ranked W.B.C. light-heavyweight has made him a celebrity these days. He glances across the gym and his eyes draw a beat on a poster advertising the appearance of Harold Johnson, a former 175 lb. titleholder at Sunnyside Gardens. Cassidy's mind departs for a moment — perhaps it's on a sentimental journey back to where it all began.

Robert Cassidy was born and raised in Sunnyside Queens, 19 April, 1944, to an Irish father and Italian mother. They relocated to "The Island" when he was young. The street-tough of New York never left him. "I was the hardest punching gang fighter in the world as a kid," he says, sounding every bit the fighter he is. It was here that he was spotted and routed into a gym for the first time. The natural ability showed through like a diamond in a coal bin, and he fast became the most talked about celebrity in his community.

Cassidy wanted to be a fighter, but couldn't wait for the amateurs. He turned pro two days after St. Patrick's Day 1963, and the power puncher scored a first round KO. "My parents disapproved at the time. I remember my mom saying, 'What's a middle class kid want to be a fighter for?' I didn't know myself — except I had the desire." His parents soon became his biggest boosters.

Bobby ran unbeaten that year and im-

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Cassidy with his sons Chris and Robert. When all else seemed to fail, they gave him the faith to continue to fight his way to his present position as a top contender.

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# WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUG. 15, 1975

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## HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY) ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—GEORGE FOREMAN ..... Hayward, Calif.
2—JOE FRAZIER ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
4—BUNNY JOHNSON ..... England
5—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6—JOE BUGNER ..... England
7—EARNIE SHAVERS ..... Warren, Ohio
8—OSCAR BONAVENA ..... Argentina
9—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
10—CHUCK WEPNER ..... Bayonne, N.J.

## LIGHT HEAYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—JOHN CONTEH** ..... England
3—LEN HUTCHINS ..... Detroit, Mich.
4—ALVARO LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
5—RICHIE KATES ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6—JORGE AHUMADA ..... Argentina
7—TOM BETHEA ..... New York, N.Y.
8—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, N.Y.
9—BOB FOSTER ..... Albuquerque, N.M.
10—AVENAMAR PERALTA ..... Argentina

## JOSE NAPOLES
## FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

## MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON* ..... Argentina
1—RODRIGO VALDEZ** ..... Colombia
2—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
3—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
4—TONY LICATA ..... New Orleans, La.
5—GEORGE COOPER ..... Oakland, Calif.
6—RUDY ROBLES ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—WILLIE MONROE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8—EMILE GRIFFITH ..... New York. N.Y.
9—LEO SAENZ ..... Baltimore, Md.
10—EDDIE GREGORY ..... New York, N.Y.

## JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JAE DO YUH* ..... South Korea
1—MIGUEL de OLIVIERA** ..... Brazil
2—ELISH OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas
3—MIKE BAKER ..... Spartanburg, S.C.
4—KOICHI WAJIMA ..... Japan
5—MIGUEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
6—ECKHART DAGGE ..... Germany
7—JOSE DURAN ..... Spain
8—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
9—JAMES MARSHALL ..... San Francisco, Calif.
10—MIGUEL CAMPANINO ..... Argentina

## WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES** ..... Mexico
1—ANGEL ESPADA* ..... Puerto Rico
2—JOHN STRACEY ..... England
3—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
4—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington D.C.
5—NICK ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
6—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—BRUNO ARCARI ..... Italy
8—FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
9—HEDGEMON LEWIS ..... Detroit, Mich.
10—ROCKY MATTIOLI ..... Australia

## JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
1—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
2—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
3—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—LEONCIO ORTIZ ..... Mexico
5—ESTEBAN DeJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
6—PEDRO FERNANDEZ ..... Spain
7—TONI ORTIZ ..... Spain
8—TONY PETRONELLI ..... Brockton, Mass.
9—CEMAL KAMACI ..... Austria
10—CARLOS GIMINEZ ..... Argentina

## LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN* ..... Panama
1—RAY LAMPKIN ..... Portland, Ore.
2—ISHIMATSU SUZUKI** ..... Japan
3—ANGEL MAYORAL ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
4—HUGO BARRAZA ..... Columbia
5—HECTOR MEDINA ..... Puerto Rico
6—ARTURO PINEDA ..... Mexico
7—HUGO GUTIERREZ ..... Argentina
8—FRANKIE BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
9—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—HECTOR MATTA ..... Puerto Rico

## JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR* ..... Philippines
1—TYRONE EVERETT ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
2—SVEN-ERIK PAULSEN ..... Norway
3—ALFREDO ESCALERA** ..... Puerto Rico
4—RAY LUNNY III ..... San Carlos, Calif.
5—SAMUEL SERRANO ..... Puerto Rico
6—KUNIAKI SHIBATA ..... Japan
7—BEN ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
8—RONNIE McGARVEY ..... Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
9—APOLLO YOSHIO ..... Japan
10—VICTOR ECHEGARAY ..... Argentina

## FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ALEXIS ARGUELLO* ..... Nicaragua
1—RUBEN OLIVARES** ..... Mexico
2—ART HAFEY ..... Canada
3—ROYAL KOBAYASHI ..... Japan
4—SHIG FUKUYAMA ..... Japan
5—ELIO COTINA ..... Italy
6—ARNOLD TAYLOR ..... South Africa
7—JOSE CASAS ..... Argentina
8—FAMOSITO GOMEZ ..... Mexico
9—ROMEO ANAYA ..... Mexico
10—DANNY LOPEZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

## BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
ALFONSO ZAMORA* ..... Mexico
1—RODOLFO MARTINEZ** ..... Mexico
2—THANOMJIT SUKOTHAI ..... Thailand
3—CARLOS ZARATE ..... Mexico
4—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
5—SOO HWAN HONG ..... South Korea
6—RAFAEL HERRERA ..... Mexico
7—ANDRES HERNANDEZ ..... Puerto Rico
8—DAVE NEEDHAM ..... England
9—DANIEL TROULAIRE ..... France
10—PAUL FERRERI ..... Australia

## FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
1—SHOJI OGUMA ..... Japan
2—IGNACIO ESPINOZA ..... Dominican Rep.
3—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela
4—ALBERTO MORALES ..... Mexico
5—ERBITO SALVARRIA* ..... Philippines
6—SUSUMU HANAGATA ..... Japan
7—VICENTE POOL ..... Mexico
8—FRANCO SPERTI ..... Italy
9—FRITZ CHERVET ..... Switzerland
10—LUIS ESTABE ..... Venezuela

### PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **HEAVYWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Ibar Arrington** | 9/74 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Seattle, Wash. | | | | | | |
| **LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Marvin Johnson** | 5/73 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Indianapolis, Ind. | | | | | | |
| **MIDDLEWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Billy Duquette** | 3/75 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Brockton, Mass. | | | | | | |
| **WELTERWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Gianbattista Capretti** | 7/73 | 19 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Italy | | | | | | |
| **LIGHTWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Donnie Nelson*** | 6/74 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Hartford, Conn. | | | | | | |
| **FEATHERWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Vicente Saldivar** | 10/74 | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Mexico | | | | | | |
| **BANTAMWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Pascual Caldera** | 4/74 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| **FLYWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Miguel Lazarte** | 1/74 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Argentina | | | | | | |

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WHO should show up as the Fighter of the Month but our old friend, the welter champion of the world, Jose Napoles.

Report had had Jose slipping noticeably. But Napoles operated well in his 15 round defense of his title against Armando Muniz. There is still enough class left in Napoles to carry the world title for a while yet.

When all the results of the month were tabulated it was found that the junior welter champion, WBC version, a Thai named Shengsak Muangsaurin was entitled to second rating for the Fighter of the Month designation.

The scrapper with the unpronounceable name stopped Pedro Fernandez of Spain in the eighth round for the class title.

Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rican junior lightweight laid claim to the No. 3 spot in the race for the Fighter of the Month by stopping Kuniaki Shibata, the Japanese star, for the W.B.C. junior light crown.

Hector Thompson, of Australia, who goes after Antonio Cervantes' title, warmed up with a KO of Rudy Barro of the Phillippines.

Germany got into the big argument when Eckhart Dagge whipped Jose Duran of Spain for the European junior middleweight title.

Also figuring in the monthly ratings was Len Hutchins, stopped Johnny Griffin in a U.S. light heavy title bout.

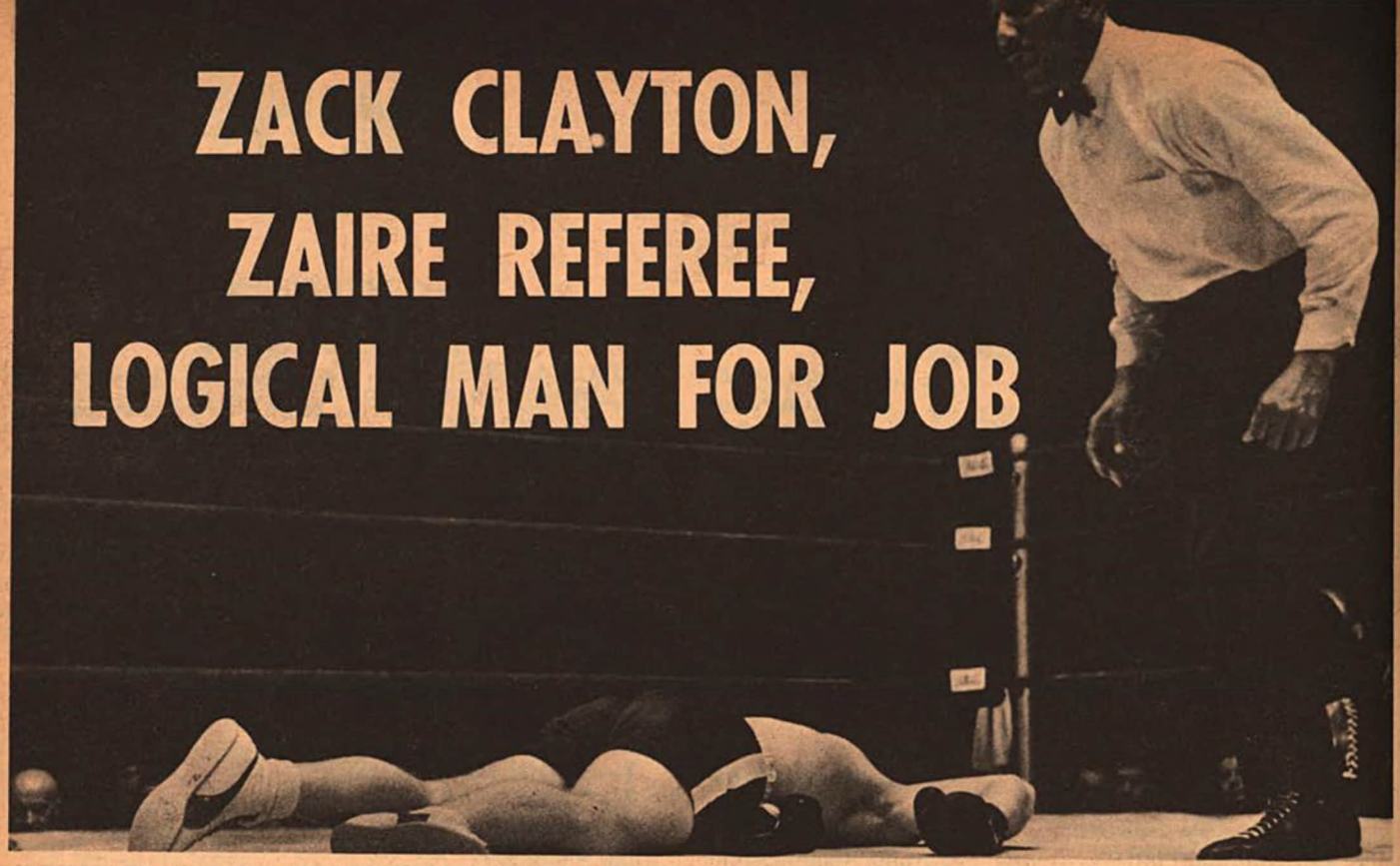
Danny Lopez moved high in the featherweight dispute when Bobby Chacon was forced to quit that class and go into the lightweight division after Chacon had collected $150,000 for his second round collapse against Oliveras. The fight drew $450,000.

Arnold Taylor's win over Roman Anaya also figured in the feather ratings.

Mike Baker's stopping Paul Osborne also went into the worthwhile archives, U.S. junior middleweight title defense.

** WBC CHAMPION  * W.B.A. CHAMPION

# ZACK CLAYTON, ZAIRE REFEREE, LOGICAL MAN FOR JOB



Zack Clayton, foremost black referee, seen officiating in his usual efficient manner. He was first black man to referee a world heavyweight championship fight, that between Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles in 1952.

**By NIGEL COLLINS**

TEN DAYS prior to the Ali-Forman heavyweight title bout in Kinshasa, Zaire, Zack Clayton received a phone call from the president of the World Boxing Council, Ramon G. Velesquez. The message was that Zack had been selected to referee what was destined to be the richest fight in the history of boxing. Ten million dollars to be divided between the two contestants and Clayton was the man liable for their conduct once the bell rang. An awesome responsibility indeed.

For obvious reasons security was of the utmost importance. Zack had received a battery of immunization shots and arrived in Zaire before the story leaked to the press that he was to be the third man.

To understand why Zack Clayton was chosen for such an important assignment, one has to know a little about the man's past history and realize a few facts about the fight itself.

The poster for the match had three words blazoned across it—"Ali, Foreman, Zaire."

Two proud black warriors and one equally proud emerging black nation. It was a logical step to have the world's foremost black referee work the fight. Clayton certainly fit the bill.

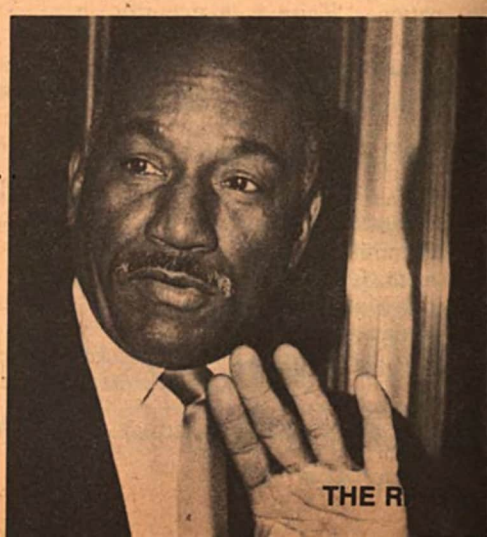
In 1951 Zack became the first black man to hold a referees license in the state of Pennsylvania. Then on the night of June 5, 1952, Clayton had the honor of being the first of his race to referee a world heavyweight championship bout when Jersey Joe Walcott retained his title with a 15-round decision over Ezzard Charles in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium.

Clayton has gone on to become the first black chairman of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, a position he still holds.

Zack is a big man, a strong man. He needed to be in order to handle close to five hundred pounds of angry fist fighter when Ali and Foreman clashed.

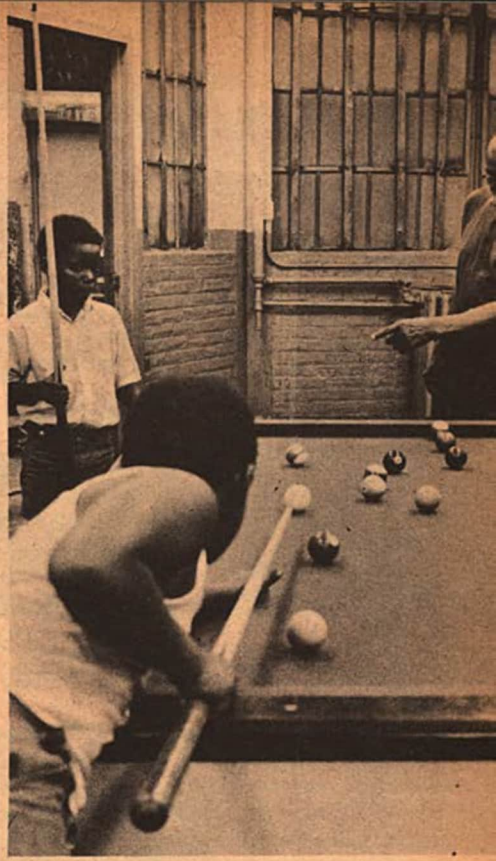
"It was the most physical fight I have ever refereed in my life. I don't mean to say it was a dirty fight, because it wasn't. It was just plain hard work keeping those two apart," he told me.

Zack works at staying in peak condition. "I do road work about three days a week. I run with Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo's bodyguards. I also play a



Clayton, chairman of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, fielding a question at press conference. At left he ponders his answer and at right fires back his reply.

Clayton raises hand of Jersey Joe Walcott in victory after 15 rounds of Joe's battle against challenger Ezzard Charles for the heavyweight title.



Zack giving billard instruction to youngsters as his part in program to help youth. Below we see Clayton, the referee, ready to break Howard Darlington and George Hill as they clinch.

lot of basketball with the kids at the Salvation Army. At age 56 I can still play ten tough minutes with the big guys."

In his youth Zack played basketball for the Harlem Globetrotters as well as the New York Rennaissance and the Washington Bears.

During the summer months he labored in the Negro National Baseball League, playing with and against such great stars as Roy Campanella, Jackie Robinson, Don Newcombe and Satchell Page.

His athletic background and a sound physical fitness program paid off. Zack did a yeoman job in Zaire with the whole world watching.

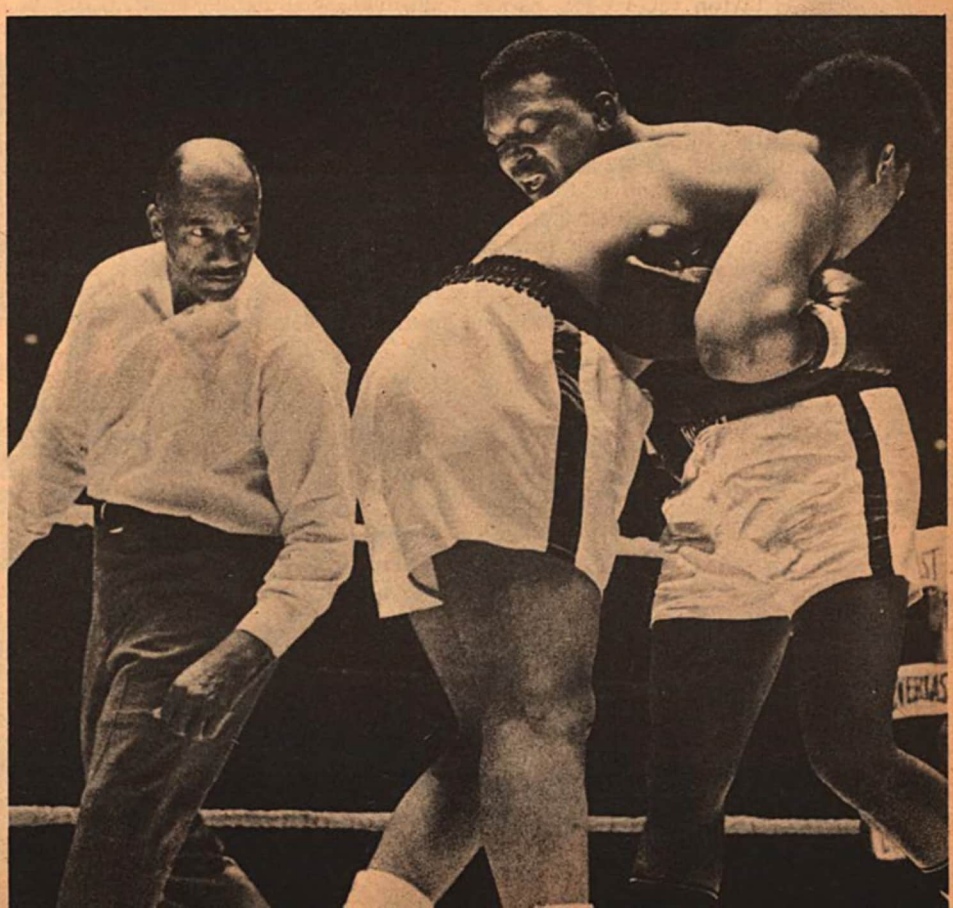
The day after the fight Foreman claimed that he had been the victim of a quick count. However, a close look at the fight films revealed that George was down for a full ten seconds and that Zack had rendered a fair count.

Installed at President Mombuto's palace grounds, Zack had ample opportunity to enjoy the sights of this budding nation. "Zaire is a magnificent place. They have so much natural beauty. I liked the people. They were warm and very congenial. The fight in Zaire was the pinnacle of my boxing career. It was an even bigger thrill than the Walcott-Charles fight."

Zack is by nature a political man. His job as the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commissioner was a political appointment. Clayton's other job as assistant to the Managing Director of the City of Philadelphia on gang control is also a political appointment. It is in politics that Zack hopes to make headlines in the future.

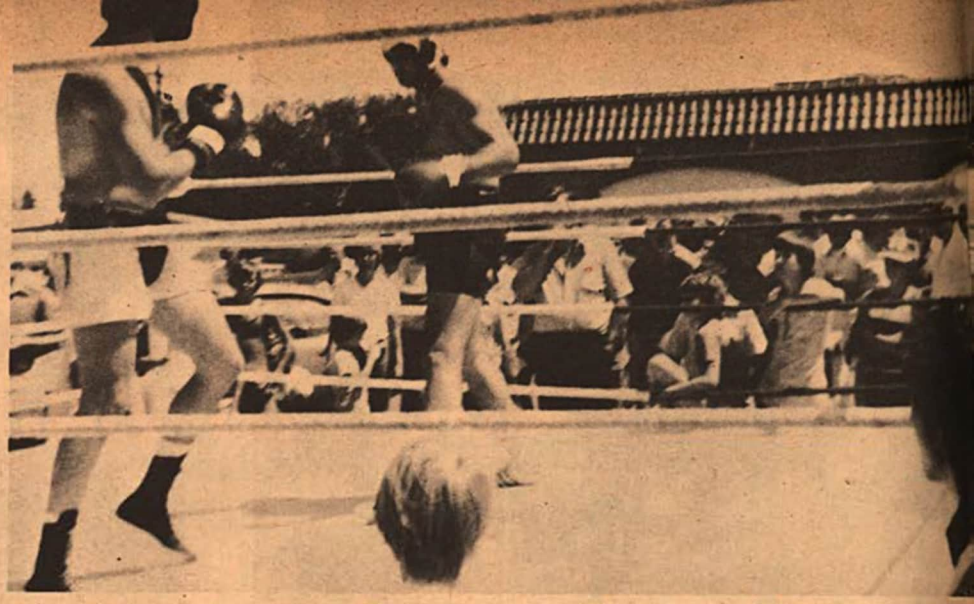
"Because of my popularity, my good life and my clean background, I feel that I am in the limelight for political opportunity. Although I have not discussed it with the powers that be, I am thinking of running for city councilman."

Zack told me that for the past four years he has been writing a book about his life. Whether the concluding chapter takes place in the sports or political arena remains to be seen.



# RODNEY BOBICK OUT OF THE SHADOW

By GEORGE D. BLAIR



Rodney Bobick, right, training in Florida before Angelo Dundee moved Rodney to train with Muhammad Ali at Deer Park training camp in Pennsylvania.

THE BIG kid lumbered out of the car, snatched a bag from the seat and slammed the door. As he turned the corner onto Lake Street in south Minneapolis, the spring wind ruffled his unruly hair. He grabbed the handle on a glass door of one of the old buildings. On the glass was painted, "Lake Street Gym."

As he went up the old wooden stairs they creaked, and he could hear the noise of people talking and laughing. The smell of stale sweat hung in the air. He pushed open the door and walked into the dingy gym looking at the ring set up on the right and brushed past the people on the left sitting in a couple of rows of old steel chairs. There were a few people who said "Hi Rodney," he just smiled as he went into the dressing room.

Rodney was Rodney Bobick, a big heavyweight farm kid from tiny Bowlus, Minnesota. He was here on this night in 1971 to fight on an amateur show. His opponent was a murderous puncher from St. Paul by the name of Joe Abbott. Abbott didn't knock out Bobick that night, but he did give him a pretty good pasting over the three rounds.

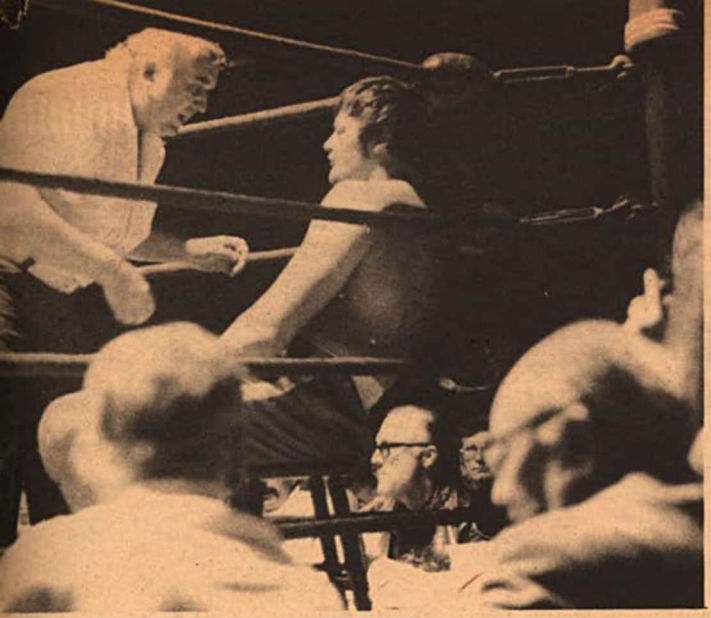
Around this same time Rodney's older brother Duane was gaining international fame as he was winning one amateur title after the other. So, at that time, Rodney was just Duane Bobick's younger brother, and it was to remain that way for a long time.

Rodney never won any big amateur titles. He did advance to the semi-finals in the 1972 Upper Midwest Tournament in Minneapolis. He had only to beat Bob Culbertson and he then would have to meet his big brother Duane for the title. It didn't happen though as Culbertson beat Rodney on a decision, and then Duane beat Culbertson for the championship. He was still just Duane's kid brother. Rodney's amateur record was 18-5.

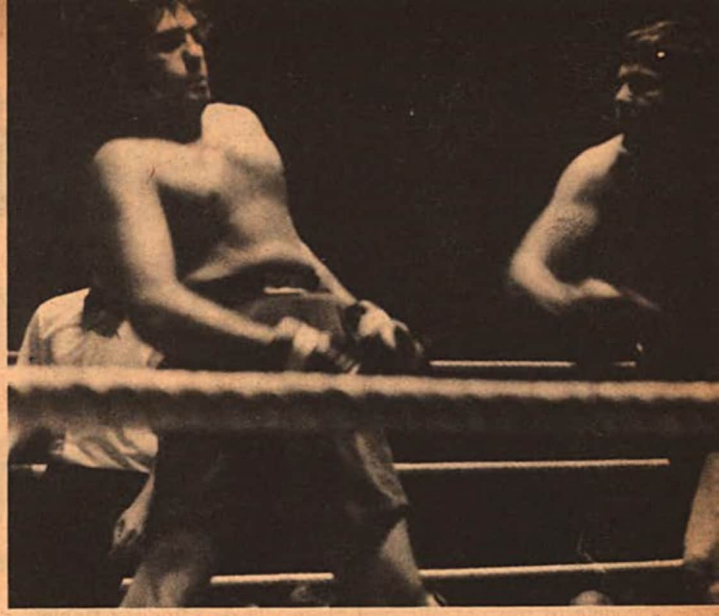
It was then that a decision was made, Rodney would turn professional. He signed a contract with Gene Fesenmaier, a Minneapolis businessman. Fesenmaier is a controversial character, but he had connections. Bobick always had a weight problem and he weighed around 260 pounds at the time he was to turn pro. He was given the nickname of "The Bear."

On March 8, 1972, Rodney turned pro in St. Paul halting Mickey Shannon in two rounds. But brother Duane was still drawing all the attention as he was getting ready for the Olympics. In 1972 Bobick won eight in a row, scoring five knockouts. His biggest win was an eight round decision over Marc Hans. Brother Duane in the meantime lost in the Olympics but was still overshadowing Rodney.

A little known meeting of the brothers took place in an exhibition bout at Little Falls, Minnesota, on December 2, 1972. Duane was still an amateur and Rodney a coming pro. Those who were there said that if a decision had been given, Rodney would



**Rodney, in his corner receiving instructions from Joe Daskiewicz in his fight with Raul Gorosito, June 18, 1972, one of the few fights he lost.**



**On June 10, 1974 Rodney reversed his previous loss. Here he scores with a right hand, jarring Raul Gorosito. Bobick won in 10 on June 17, 1974.**

have gotten it.

The year 1973 saw Rodney Bobick compete in seventeen bouts, winning fourteen of them. Fesenmaier took his charge all over the country as he fought in New York, Anaheim, California, Las Vegas, Columbus, Ohio, Phoenix, Fort Wayne, La Crosse, as well as in Minnesota.

Rodney lost ten round decisions to Dan Johnson, Raul Gorosito, and Terry Hinke in 1973. He also lost a lot of weight in the process and came down to around 225.

At the same time he was defeating the likes of John "Speedy" Jordan, Al Jones, Rico Brooks, Lou Bailey, and John Clohessy, among others. He also avenged his loss to Dan Johnson by kayoing him in ten rounds. At the end of the year Rodney Bobick had a career record of 22-3-0.

He still went almost unnoticed as his brother Duane had also turned pro and was getting publicity, stories in magazines, pictures on the covers of various publications, etc. It wasn't fair but it was still happening. Rodney remained in the shadow of his brother, but it also gave him the determination to show everyone that he could fight too.

As 1974 dawned the change in Rodney could be seen, he was getting better. He started the year out by whipping Daniel Lee. Then on February 19th Rodney knocked out former W.B.A. light heavyweight champ Vincente Rondon in three rounds at Miami Beach. For the first time people began to notice Rodney Bobick as a pretty good fighter in his own right. The shadow of brother Duane, for the first time, began to fade.

Wins over Larry Beilfuss, Mike Weaver, Arthur Robinson, and Jimmy Cross followed. On June 17th in the big Met Sports Center at Bloomington, Minnesota Rodney avenged another one of his three losses when he won a ten round decision over Raul Gorosito. It was a bruising, hard fought bat-

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**Above, Rodney walking out of the "Lake Street Gym" in his hometown in South Minneapolis after a workout. Left, Rodney shows no qualms about the future. "Get me a shot at the title!"**

# HOWARD SMITH, CALIFORNIA CHAMP SCARES 'EM AWAY

**By ROBERT J. RUIZ**

WITH the aura of Ali in the air, one usually sits up and takes notice when a good-looking (fistically speaking) heavyweight comes around the bend. That is, unless his name is Howard Smith. For some reason this good boxer has remained something of a mystery man outside of his native California. This is all the more perplexing when you realize the man is a ranking heavyweight contender.

What can you say about Howard Smith that hasn't been said before? The answer is "plenty." He is basically a quiet, reserved person without the ballyhoo that has followed so many other fighters of promise. He does not have a press agent, and prefers to let his fists do the talking.

Those fists had plenty to say recently, when he knocked out fellow contender Larry Middleton in five rounds in L.A. It was a big step in the right direction for Smith, which could put him in line for a title shot later this year.

A few words are in order about Baltimore's Middleton, who was, and still is, a tough, experienced and capable boxer of high regard within the sport itself. Although not considered a particularly hard hitter, Larry scored often enough to break the jaw of British and European heavyweight champion Joe Bugner in their London fight.

Strong punchers like Oscar Bonavena and Jerry Quarry couldn't put Larry away either.

This was the Middleton who fought Howard Smith. Larry was at his peak for the fight, while Smith was coming off a bout with the flu and nursing a sore hand from sparring with Ken Norton. Howard couldn't ask for a postponement because he might not get another chance. So Smith shook off the rust of a six month layoff, and promptly dropped Middleton twice in the opening round before finishing off Larry in the fifth, bad hand and all.

The Middleton triumph cannot be praised enough. It was a magnificent victory for Smith, that should send his name further up the ratings. Larry had never been hit as hard in his entire career which is quite a testament to Howard's power.

Smith had been ranked by the WBA as the sixth best heavyweight in the world going into the Middleton fight.

Who is Howard Smith anyway? Besides being probably the least known of all the big contenders, he is a resident of Compton, California, who got his start in boxing through the courtesy of Uncle Sam.

The Army made Smith aware of his fistic

**Jack O'Halloran, left, was pounded into submission in the ninth round to give Smith, right, the California state championship.**

**Tough, hard hitting heavyweight Howard Smith, who remains undefeated over three years, is waiting for his shot at the title.**

prowess, and he couldn't be more grateful. Besides a tour of duty in Vietnam, the hard hitting fighter found time to win the ALL-Army championship in the heavyweight division.

He finished his amateur career with a 31-1 record which included bouts at the Colorado state prison against inmates as a representative of the Army. While behind locked gates, Smith scored a knockout over the much feared Ron Lyle, who was then serving a term for murder and would later go on to a successful pro career.

Smith was always a natural athlete from the word go. In high school he excelled in both track and football, and carried over his gridiron expertise to the Army with marked success. The six foot two inch slugger proved so proficient on the playing field that for awhile he entertained thoughts of a career in that direction, but boxing proved the greater lure.

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Seen on set in a Mack Sennett short back in the early 1920's, Jack Dempsey collars a surprised Jim Corbett, as one time featherweight boxer "Spike" Robinson looks on.

Ex-middleweight champ Sugar Ray Robinson is here seen taking it on the chin from Beatles drummer Ringo Starr as the two play around during a break in the filming of "Candy," in which they both appear.

# BOXING AND THE SILVER SCREEN

A credible pugilist, Victor McLaglen went on, for over two decades, to play character parts in movies, in which his specialties were the villain and the affable hero.

Poised with six-shooters, Max Baer (left), former world heavyweight champion, and Maxie Rosenbloom, ex-heavyweight title holder, advertise their western "SKip-A-Long Rosenbloom."

From left to right, formerly multi-titled boxer Henry Armstrong, ex-light heavyweight king Billy Conn, and Jean Parker pause during the filming of "The Pittsburgh Kid."

That guy on the left who looks so simple minded is Sweden's former world heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson, playing a soldier in the army farce "Bravery on the Field."

# GOING NOWHERE THEN SOON BECOMING A TOP CONTENDER

## TONY GARDNER

Oklahoma City Jr. Middleweight contender

Promoter Pat O'Grady, the man who made Gardner's sudden rise possible.

**By TOM RAY**

EVER heard of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid? Sure you have! They're the two famous western bandits that almost proved that crime does pay.

Cassidy was the brains of the outfit while the Kid had the fast draw. Unfortunately for these two, their final demise came in South America when they were finally cornered and shot by lawmen.

Boxing could have a story similar to the Cassidy-Sundance one down Oklahoma way. It involves a man with a lot of brains and a hard punching young boxer.

It's the typical success story of a fighter that was going nowhere until meeting up with a careful handler and then soon became a top contender.

Tony Gardner, a former Class D Middleweight, was just such a fighter. In fact, one year ago, Gardner had a 15-5 record. Four of those losses had been by knockouts.

NOW, Gardner has a 34-5 record with 28 knockouts. In 1974 he won 16, lost none, and so far in 1975 he has won four bouts. As a matter of fact, eighteen victories have been knockouts.

The Baby-faced Oklahoman has also picked up the North American Jr. Middleweight Title, a high ranking by the WBC, and is rated No. 2 in the United States by this magazine.

How did Gardner suddenly accomplish all these fistic feats? With some fortitude, a gift from God right cross, and a promoter named Pat O'Grady.

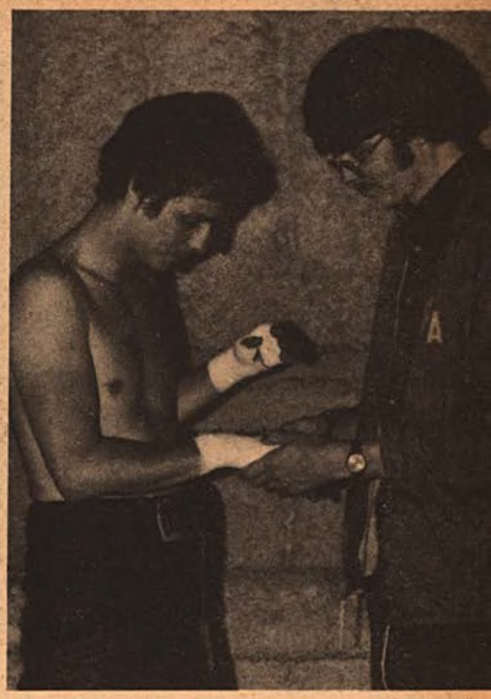
That's where the tie in with Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid comes in. Like the Kid, Gardner was a true nothing before he teamed up with the Irish promoter.

So, where Cassidy did something with the Sundance Kid, Oklahoma City promoter Pat O'Grady has sent Tony Gardner in the right direction.

As previously stated, Gardner had a 15-5 record before coming to the Sooner State. The lanky bomber had scored 12 knockouts, but showed little chance of becoming a good one.

Living in Memphis, Gardner offered his services to any promoter in the country. With the help of a booking agent named Jack Lazaron, Gardner fought for promoters in Tampa, Fla., New Orleans, La., Mobile, Ala., and St. Louis, Mo.

Gardner watches Canada's hard hitting "Ironman" Roy Christian struggle to rise, moments before he is decked for good by the Oklahoman.



**(Left) This crushing right to the jaw, executed by Gardner, was the punch that stopped Jimmy Black in the 5th round of their bout. (Above) Gardner's handwraps are examined by Ring writer Tom Ray prior to a recent match.**

Gardner fought some good boys during this time and lost a few, but he did pick up the experience that enabled him to win the other fifteen bouts.

Gardner fought in Oklahoma City several times before 1974 and impressed the man that counts most—promoter O'Grady.

"I knew the first time I saw him that he could be a good one," O'Grady recalls. "I could see he had the ability to make it. But, like a lot of other young men, he had his own ideas about boxing."

O'Grady tried several times to induce Gardner to come to the Sooner capital and rejuvenate the fighter's somewhat dying career, but, like O'Grady says, the young puncher had other ideas.

Gardner figured he could get to the top by facing a few top contenders. As is the case with many young fighters, it was too little experience against too much savvy and ring know-how.

After being stopped in two rounds by Canadian Middleweight Champion Dave Downey in Oklahoma City on Sept. 4, 1973, Gardner decided it was time to retire.

But O'Grady had other ideas. He personally went to Memphis to induce the young man to re-enter the beak busting business.

He made Gardner three promises. A world ranking, a chance at the world title, and a chance to make some money. It was too much for the fighter to refuse.

A word about Pat O'Grady. After 30 years in the fight business as a boxer, trainer, manager, matchmaker and promoter, O'Grady can be considered one of the keenest ring brains around.

He has that ability to spot a possible contender and then develop him. During his managerical days in Texas, O'Grady produced many top Southwestern fighters.

Among a few of these are Frankie Duran, a No. 1 ranked bantamweight who fought Jose Becerra for the title, Mel Barker, No. 4 among the welters with three fights in Madison Square Garden, Paul Alba, No. 3 as a featherweight, Rocky Caballero, No. 10 as a middleweight, and 6th ranked Jr. Welterweight Rocky Medrano.

Since starting his promotions in Oklahoma City four and one half years ago, O'Grady has done a job that Tex Rickard or Mike Jacobs would have to admire.

He took a then unknown Brian Kelly through 23 undefeated fights and a world ranking to a light-heavyweight title fight with champ Bob Foster.

The six inch reach advantage Foster owned against Kelly was too much and the local boy was stopped in the third round.

However, despite that loss, Kelly will always be remembered as one of the toughest fighters Oklahoma has ever produced.

Another top Okie was gigantic Claude "Humphrey" McBride. This 280 pound heavyweight went undefeated in his first 28 starts before losing to Buster Mathis in three rounds. "Humphrey" has always been a favorite among Oklahoma fans.

So, with that kind of a boxing brain helping him along, it looked to Gardner that he had nothing to lose and everything to gain.

The new Tony Gardner arrived in Oklahoma City on March 1, 1974 and was promptly sent to Dallas for a quick tune up fight. On the eighth of that month, he stopped Cecil Peck, a light-heavyweight, in two rounds.

Gardner returned to Oklahoma City to begin what he called, "My first true learning experience in boxing."

O'Grady induced Gardner to sign up with a Texas Corporation called Starmaker, Inc. Just as the name implies, Starmaker has the money and backers to give a young man the right breaks.

That corporation hired Claude McBride, the afore mentioned heavyweight, to train the transplanted Tennesseean.

It was the first time Gardner had ever really trained or done roadwork and under McBride and O'Grady's watchful eyes, Tony learned what boxing was all about.

"I'll never forget the first time I came to Oklahoma City," recalls Gardner. "There were so many things about training I didn't know.

" 'Humphrey' taught me how to punch a speed bag, do good roadwork, and develop my defensive skills. And, of course, Mr. O'Grady was there with that all-important advice."

Gardner also brought his weight down

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Giele Buitendag scored one of Steyn's two defeats, when he opened up this nasty gash over Gert's left eye on March 17, 1973.

# GERT STEYN WANTS MORE ACTION

By RONALD SCOTT

GERT STEYN, South African welterweight champion, is a classy fighter who has suffered from not being promoted often enough.

In four years as a professional, 24-year-old Gert has had 20 bouts (won 16, lost 2, drew 2). In 1974 he was in the ring twice, so when promoter Dave Levin gave him the chance to meet Englishman Micky Flynn in Johannesburg recently, Steyn grabbed it, even though his previous scrap with Flynn had been a vicious affair for both boxers.

That was in Cape Town in January, 1973, when Gert waded into Flynn in the second round and came out of a clash of heads with his left eye gashed.

Steyn doesn't describe the incident as a clash. He insists that Flynn deliberately butted him. "I was overconfident at that point. I had Micky up against the ropes, and I thought I could finish him off. I left myself open for his head.

"The ringside doctor took a look at the cut and asked for the fight to be stopped. I said no. I wasn't going to be licked in that fashion. By the 7th round I had cut his face in three places, and now the doctor wanted to halt the action on Flynn's behalf. Flynn also said no."

The fight went the full eight rounds, Steyn winning on points. Flynn was the first fighter who ever cut one of Steyn's eyes, and the effects of that gash went beyond the Cape Town bout. Two months later, Gielie Buitendag reopened the same cut in round seven and won the verdict on a TKO when the ref stopped the fight.

Buitendag is one of the two boxers who have ever beaten Steyn, the other being Spider Kelly. Gert later revenged both defeats.

"I was inexperienced when I met Flynn. And lucky, too. If the tourney had taken place in the Transvaal, the fight would have been stopped right then, in round two. The Cape officials are more lenient with that kind of injury, and they gave me the breathing space to win."

Their second encounter in Johannesburg showed how far Steyn has developed in the last two years, despite his lack of opponents. He kept Flynn on the retreat throughout the 10 rounds, punishing him with the two punches he favours most, the left and right hook. When he used them together in combinations, he had the Manchester lad covering up frantically.

Steyn was the aggressor throughout, Flynn the back-pedaller, anxious to avoid those stinging fists. Micky's tactics were simply to stay out of trouble, and he made no effort to build up any points of his own.

Gert won every round, but there was evidence that night that he still lacks one vital asset — the ability to finish off an opponent when he has him reeling. more than once Flynn stood bewildered against the ropes, and Gert, instead of letting rip the big one, gave Micky time to fight again.

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October, 1972, saw Gert Steyn (right) hammer his way to a draw with Shoj Tsojimoto, of Japan, in Johannesburg.

# RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

**By DON SAUER**

WHEN Sammy Angott was the lightweight champion of the world back in the forties, he had to fight the top contenders in his division. . .fellows like Bob Montgomery, Allie Stolz, Lew Jenkins, Slugger White, Ray Robinson—you didn't pick your opponents as they do today. . .Today Sammy—married to his wife Evelyn for 40 years, is residing in Canton, Ohio. . .His three children, Mary Theresa, Rose Marie, and Sammy, Jr., are all married—and Sammy is a grandfather seven times. . .His manager, Charles Jones, has passed away—but Sammy still works out daily—now tips the Fairbanks at 165 pounds. . .and just passed his 60th milestone. . .Angott told me recently—"if I had it to do over again, I would still be a boxer—people have been so nice to me". . .At the age of 25 years—heavyweight Terry Hinke has "packed it in". . .the Oregon-born heavyweight, unable to get a fight since last September when he lost to Chuck Wepner in Salt Lake City, leaves with an excellent 38-4-1 record and 29 kayoes. . .He plans to get married in February—and will learn a trade for his livelihood—taking up welding and pipe-fitting. . .his biggest purse in boxing came when he met Charlie James in a Honolulu ring and pocketed a paltry $2500 for his effort. . .Pedro Lovell, injury prone heavyweight managed by Willie Ketchum, back in action—his most recent ailment—a gastro intestinal condition, falsely diagnosed as an ulcer—now feels good. . .and maybe this time he can get moving and make some money. . .A plan in the works for a confrontation between Muhammad Ali and Olympic heavyweight ruler Theofilo Stevenson. . .The motivating force behind such a "shootout" is N.Y.C. fight film collector Jimmy Jacobs—sort of like the Pete Radamacher—Floyd Patterson "showdown" in Seattle which my late friend, Deacon Jack Hurley promoted to a financial success. . .John Coiley in action in Seattle rings—deserting the Boston fight beat—where he fizzled after a mildly successful fistic career. . .Freddie Little makes a comeback at Virginia City in an outdoor show this fall. . .with tavern and casino owner Charlie Palmer as the promoter. . .Ali making a fortune fighting nonentities—something that they didn't allow in years gone by—maybe the crop of contenders is so much inferior to the "great one". . .that it just looks this way!! Carlos Monzon, in his only appearance in a U.S. ring—at the Garden in N.Y., looked like the great champion that he is when he easily handled Tony Licata. . .who was a legitimate contender—make no mistake about it—but Monzon, well he's something else. . .Lou Gross planed up to N.Y.C. to be with his friend of many years, Al Bachman for the big Garden show—Lou is based at Miami Beach, where he teaches the "names" in boxing. . .fellows like Gross are far and few in between in this day and age. . .Talk about boxing a dying sport. . .Bobby Chacon and Ruben Olivares drew a whopping $421,000 at the Forum in Inglewood, Calif., in a fight that didn't go two rounds. . .George Foreman, the former heavyweight king, has moved from Texas to Hollywood in hopes of a film career—he keeps his evenings occupied with actress Gloria Calomes. . .veteran Philly middleweight Stanley "Kitten" Hayward is boxing's most noted race track handicapper—says his system works with fighters too. . .but isn't it a bit too late Stan?? You have just passed your 36th milestone! Clarence "Red" Burman, who on January 31st, 1941 unsuccessfully challenged Joe Louis for the heavyweight title (Burman was kayoed in fifth round in N.Y.C.)—is now a deputy sheriff in Baltimore—didja know that Max Baer's son—who is a TV star, will portray his late dad Max, Sr. who died on Nov. 21st, 1959, in a movie of the former champ's life. . .Ben Jeby, whose real monicker is Morris Jebaltowski—has retired as plumbing inspector for the City of New York—and is taking things easy with his wife, Evelyn—Jeby was kayoed by my old buddy Lou Brouillard on August 9th, 1933 in N.Y.C., and with it went his N.Y. Commission middleweight crown. . .Florentino Fernandez, who boxed for the middleweight title, is back in training. . .he's a bus boy at Miami Beach's Pub Restaurant since his retirement from the ring. . .Former heavyweight king Joe Frazier took a "red ink bath" backing the Philadelphia Silver Gloves, but you never heard a whimper from Joe—he took his financial loss like the man that he is. . .Look for featherweight Art Hafey to be in line for a world title shot—before this year is out—Hafey is the most popular gladiator to hit the West Coast in years—he is a transplanted Nova Scotian, with a sock in either fist. . .The World Boxing Managers Association dinner and dance set for N.Y.C. is being co-sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters—could this mean that finally boxing managers will be unionized?? Boxing is in full swing at Pete Ashlock's Orlando Sports Stadium in Florida—one of the few arenas in the nation where fight fans can still see top contenders in action. . .Edgar "Mad Dog" Ross, who is presently displaying his fistic wares in Florida rings, spent two years in college—Albert Brewer Junior College—he likes to read and hopes someday to be a biologist—veteran fight manager, Joe Herman who is co-owner of the Newman-Herman Gym in San Francisco—has made arrangements with Carl Duva, New Jersey fight manager, to bring Irish Christy Elliott a light heavyweight out of Dublin, Ireland to San Francisco for ring action. . .Former heavyweight champion, Floyd Patterson, a favorite in Sweden, is reported ready to open a chain of hamburger eateries in Stockholm—maybe he can sign up his old Swedish foe, Ingemar Johannson—who also is in the restaurant business in that country—as a partner. . .Curtis Cokes, touring the tank towns working as a second for his brother, Joe, doesn't look like the welterweight champion he was not too long ago—he now tips the Fairbanks at 182 pounds—wears glasses and has mutton chops. . .he plans to move from Dallas to Phoenix and make the ring scene there as a manager and trainer. . .Jean Mateo the Basque puncher who campaigned in West Coast

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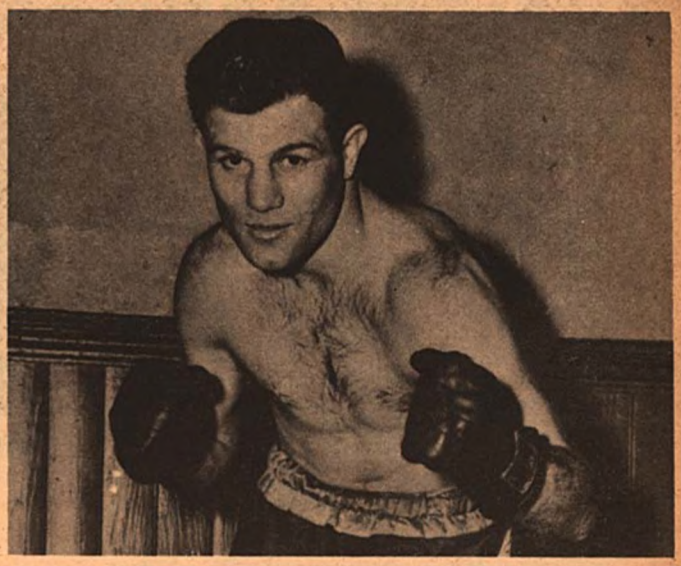

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## IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

# RANDY SHEILDS, UNBEATEN, MAKES IT TWENTY FIVE STRAIGHT

**LOS ANGELES — North Hollywood's Randy Shields continued in the unbeaten ranks with a unanimous 10 round decision over Centavito Hernandez, 138½, Tijuana, Mex., at the Olympic Auditorium.**

**For Shields, it was win no. 25 against no losses. Randy, only 19-years-old, used his heighth advantage to dominate the action with a busy, aggressive attack. Hernandez tried hard, but was a little weak, having to shed four pounds earlier in the day to make weight.**

**The blond youngster weighed 136½.**

**In a companion 10-rounder, Paul Rosette, 118½, North Hollywood, took a convincing 10-rounder from Antonio Sanchez, 119½, Mexico City.**

**In a six rounder, Garry Ferrari, 121, Los Angeles, dec. over Rufino Hernandez, 118½, East L.A., (6).**

▲LOS ANGELES — Vicente Saldivar, 128, Sonora, Mexico, made a smashing impression with Sanjo Takamori, 128½, Tokyo, as well as the 2000 fans at the Olympic Auditorium.

Saldivar, no relation to the former world featherweight champion with the same name, blasted out a fifth round knockout over Takamori.

It was the 15th straight win for the Mexican lad, who had Takamori helpless under a heavy two fisted attack midway in the fifth. Referee Dick Young came to the rescue after 1:30.

Kino Gonzalez, 124, Los Angeles, KO over Jose Gutierrez, 123, Mexico, (3); Jorge Torres, 129½, East L.A., dec. over Ignacio Bravo, 126, Los Angeles, (6); Ron West, 150½, Los Angeles, draw with Frank Ortega, East L.A., (4).

SACRAMENTO — In their first meeting, David Oropeza, of Arizona, managed to escape with a ninth round technical draw against Monroe Brooks of Los Angeles.

This called for a rematch, arranged by promoter Babe Griffin, at Memorial Auditorium.

Brooks, 140½, needed just two rounds to convince Oropeza and the 2000 fans on hand who was the better man.

The Phoenix boxer was knocked out by a sharp combination after 2:11 of the second.

Karl Vinson, 162, Sacramento, knockout over Dale Grant, 167, Tacoma, (4); Jimmy Jackson, 147, Los Angeles, dec. over Larry Smith, 144½, Oakland, (6); Antonio Sanchez, 122, Mexico, KO over John Gallo, 120½, San Francisco, (6).

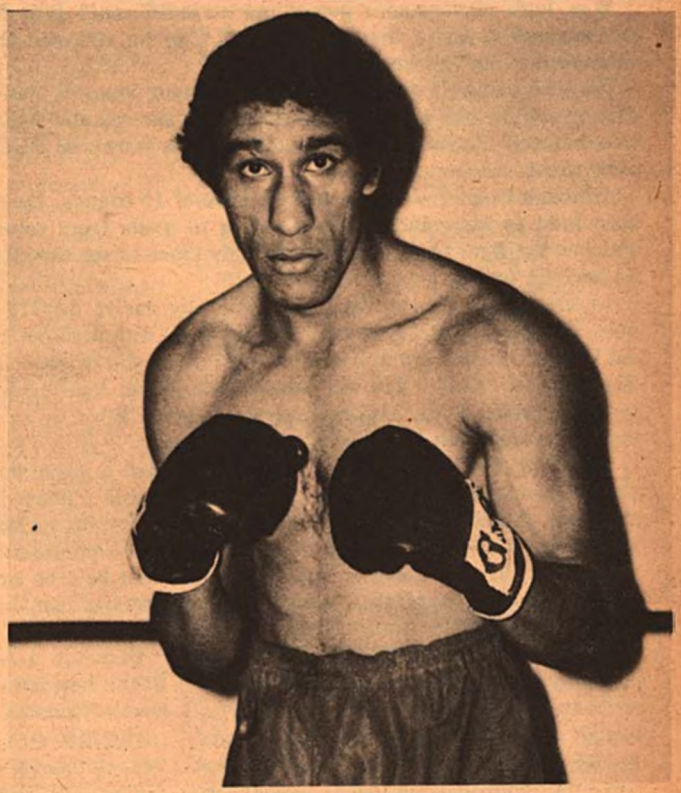
The gate was $8,214.

▲SAN JOSE — "The Termite", Maurice Watkins, 135½, Orlando, Fla., is ready to move up to better competition after taking a one sided 10-rounder from Victor De la Cruz, 135, Santa Barbara, Cal.

Pascual Caldera, 120, San Jose, dec. over Baby Joe Johnson, 122, Oakland, (8); Danny Brewer, 174½, Chicago, dec. over King David Smith, 172, Los Angeles, (8).

The gate was $2,104.

SAN FRANCISCO — Young Manny Lujan, 124½, San Diego, romped to an easy decision over Bonnie Necessario, 128½, Manila, P.I., in their 10-rounder at Kezar Pavilion.



DAVID OROPEZA

Lujan, fresh out of San Diego High School, was too much boxer for the tough Filipino. Manny won eight out of ten rounds.

Gene Prado, 135, San Francisco, and Dave Kibby, 134½, Eureka, drew (6); Eddie Alexander, 150, Los Angeles, dec. over Larry Stauffacher, 150½, San Francisco, (6); Wayne Beale, 152, San Diego, dec. over John Pinedo, 154, Modesto, (6).

RICHMOND — Ralph (The Rifle) McCoy, 162½, Oakland, nailed game Jose Martin Flores, 156½, San Diego, with some powerful right hands, enough to have the fight halted in the eighth round.

Flores was badly beaten at the finish and received a badly cut lip.

In a second 10-rounder, Danny Brewer, 170, Chicago, upset Indian George Davis, 169, Oakland. Brewer, managed by ex Midwest boxer Bobby O'Dowd, stopped Davis in the sixth round.

Terry Allen, 129, Oakland, dec. over Eddie Murray, 135, Chicago, (8).

▲LOS ANGELES — Slick Famoso Gomez, 125, Mexico City, ended the big time of former bantamweight champ Rafael Herrera, 124½, Mexico City, winning a unanimous 10 round decision at the Olympic Auditorium.

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By RON OLVER

# PRESS AND FANS CRITICIZE BUGNER FOR KUALA FIGHT, MRS. JOE TALKS EMIGRATION

**LONDON, ENGLAND—in the pubs and clubs, and wherever boxing is discussed in Britain, there has been but one topic of conversation—the Muhammad Ali v. Joe Bugner clash.**

**Was Joe's performance good, bad or indifferent? Will Joe, as his wife has suggested, go to live in America? Can he still win the heavyweight championship of the world?**

**We who couldn't get to the Kuala Lumpur ringside had to be satisfied with a seat in one of the 24 cinemas that showed the fight in Britain on closed-circuit television. And a recording was shown on BBC Television the same night.**

**Although Bugner went the full distance of 15 rounds, the critics have not been kind to him, and it is interesting to quote from some of those who watched the fight from ringside, the only place to see exactly what went on. So here's a sample—**

ALAN HOBY (Sunday Express). "Partially due to the 118 degrees heat, a poor, dull fight in Malaysia. For Bugner never waged all-out WAR. . . .When did Bugner use his right in Kuala Lumpur? When did he show sustained aggression, panache, zip?. . .The sad, simple truth is that Joe Bugner could not vanquish Muhammad Ali, anywhere, in any climate. What we saw in Asia was a boxing Dunkirk. What we wanted was an Alamein."

FRANKIE TAYLOR (Sunday People). "It's daft to claim that the heat stopped Bugner from throwing more than two punches at a time, or staging an all-out attack that might have turned the fight in his favour. In fact Joe has never staged an all-out attack in his life. When I wrote optimistically last week, I thought Bugner was going to give it a go and that he'd be stopped in the attempt. If that had happened, I would have been proud of him."

**Muhammad Ali winds up to deliver another right to Britain's Joe Bugner, during the first round of their July 1 bout in Kuala Lumpur.**

FRANK McGHEE (Daily Mirror). "It is no use claiming, as Bugner does, 'If I had put on the pressure under those conditions, it could have tired me out.' The damaging inference here is that Bugner was not prepared to take the risk. . . . It hasn't sunk in yet it was even more shaming that he wasn't prepared to take the risks involved in the only possible way he might have won the fight."

COLIN HART (The Sun). "Any fighter given the rare opportunity to bear the most prized crown in sport should be prepared to die in the attempt. He (Bugner) should never have enough surplus energy left to cavort in bathing trunks like a package holiday tourist. A comprehensive points defeat is no cause for a celebration party. . . . Never once did he (Bugner) give the impression he was about to abandon caution—break the rules and go down kicking. . . Going out with a flourish is better than finishing a flop."

SYDNEY HULLS (Daily Express). "All 6 ft. 4 in. 163 lb. Bugner did was to put his forearms and fists across his face and chest and let Ali try to find a loophole. He hoped the champion would knock himself out in the process."

REG GUTTERIDGE (London Evening News). "Titles can only be won by punching, not posing. Too often Bugner was as aggressive as a shy coconut."

Here are a few comments from former British heavyweight champs who also fought for the World title—

HENRY COOPER (quoted in the Sun). "In my opinion he (Bugner) showed nothing against Ali—yet he has a purse of around £200,000 to pick up. I saw hardly half a dozen left jabs from Bugner landing on the target in the first nine rounds. It looked to me as if Joe was quite content to go the distance again with Ali. I'm sure that the British fans would much rather have seen him have a go, even if he had not managed the distance, than just last out the 15 rounds. It may look good in the record books, but that's about it. . . When I fought badly I expected to take stick from the fans—and Joe must be ready to take the same kind of treatment when he doesn't do so well."

TOMMY FARR (interviewed by Ken Jones in the Sunday Mirror). "Bugner gave me the impression that he has a marvellous temperament. But what good is that if you aren't going to get going. Against Ali he just followed a pattern. Jab, jab. He did nothing inside and he doesn't know how to hook. If I was Andy Smith I wouldn't let him fight for a year. I'd get him in the gym, and work his backside off in the ring."

Severe criticism, which appears to be general among those who watched the fight. The heat must have been a terrific handicap, but as several critics pointed out, it was the same for both men. And of course Joe had youth on his side.

If that wasn't tough enough to take, there was a further surprise for Joe when his wife Melody, who watched the fight in Leicester on closed-circuit television, was quoted as saying that they might emigrate to America.

In an interview with Walter Bartleman of the London Evening Standard, she said—"I would like Joe to clear out now and take us to America for the remainder of his fighting career. All right, so I'm ungrateful, even though he may now be praised for again taking Ali the full distance."

Others quoted Melody as even more definite. Sydney Hulls (Daily Express) quoted her as saying "I'm disgusted with the treatment he's had from the British press and public. I think we will have to leave the country."

Ron Wills (Daily Mirror) quoted her as saying—"Joe has come to a very important decision, and we could go to live in America. He doesn't even want to come back from Kuala Lumpur."

But this was immediately denied by Joe and his manager Andy Smith. From Kuala

Lumpur Andy said—"There is nothing in this rubbish. Joe is terribly proud of being British. If you had seen his delight when he received a telegram from the Queen before the fight, you would realize that."

Joe remarked— "My wife was very emotional at the time. There is no question of me leaving Britain."

And in an interview with Reg Gutteridge, he said— "I still think I could have beaten him anywhere else in the world. I had Ali whipped but the conditions beat me. I believe what I did against Ali was correct. But the pressurisation got to me. It was no use giving all my guts by say the fifth round and leaving them in the ring."

When Joe arrived back in Britain at Heathrow Airport he played it cool with reporters. When asked about the suggestion that he might leave Britain he said, "No comment until I have spoken to my wife (who was waiting in the VIP lounge). I love Britain, but I have to live with my wife and family."

After Joe and Melody had conversed he stated quite categorically—"I wouldn't leave Britain for anything."

Another good reason for him not leaving Britain is that if he went to America it is unlikely that he would command as much money for every fight as he does in Britain. For instance, he would have to forfeit his European title, which is important if he desires to maintain his challenge for the World crown.

Summing up, it is apparent that most British fans wanted Joe to show just a little more "devil" against Ali. It is also apparent that the heat took a lot out of both men, and that this contributed to the fight being a "non-event."

Will Joe challenge again for the World crown? I think he will. He still has youth on his side, and could still be around when Ali, Frazier & Co. have gone. He must have learned a great deal. He now knows the score and it's up to him.

At his age, with his experience and with his physique, and with Ali ready for only one or two more big pay-days before retiring, Bugner remains the White Hope for the heavyweight championship of the World.

**Yorkshire Executive Sportsman's Club, Bradford**—Ralph Green, Durham, 178, easily outpointed Dave Parris, Tottenham, 178, over eight by 80-77½.

Although there were those who disagreed, the issue seemed clear-cut, with Green showing plenty of aggression, and Parris boxing mainly on the defensive.

The more experienced Parris counter-punched to good effect, but it was Green who made the fight. Both were marked, Green under the right eye and Parris in a similar spot.

Debutant Ian Massey, Manchester, 120, stopped another newcomer in Peter Scott, Huddersfield, 120, the referee intervening just a couple of seconds before the end of the sixth and final round.

Scott had been decked for four, but on the receiving end as Massey followed up his advantage.

Colin Powers, Paddington, 134, stopped Kevin Quinn, Manchester, 136, in three, the latter retiring at the end of the third with a swollen right eye.

It was first time out for Powers, who is managed by former British champion Vic Andreetti, and looks useful.

Terry Schofield, Shildon, 148, stopped debutant Jim McAllister, Huddersfield, 150, in the second. It was one-way traffic.

**National Sporting Club, London**—Alun Trembath, Tonyrefail, 125½, was decked in the second but came back strongly to outpoint Gerry McBride, Manchester, 128, over eight by 80-78.

Apart from the knockdown success, McBride was rarely in it. Trembath punched and moved too fast for him.

Denton Ruddock, Camberwell, 198, outscored Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 200, by 59½-58½ over six. Fenton was a trier, but Ruddock was always in control.

Terry Petersen, Leeds, 142, outpointed Hugh Clarke, Battersea, 144, by 79-78½ over eight and one-half. A close one, and some patrons didn't agree with the verdict. Clarke impressed in the early rounds, and looked to build up a good lead.

Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 134, outscored debutant Pat Singer, Bournemouth, 136½, over six by 60-58. Singer was decked at the end of the second, and Collins punched more often and more accurately.

**Birmingham**—Tim Wood, Leicester, 174¼, a leading contender for the British light-heavyweight title, was given unexpected resistance before outpointing Sid Falconer, Bournemouth, 178, by the narrowest possible margin of 78½-78 over eight hectic rounds.

Wood looked well in front at the end of the sixth, but in the following session ran into a left hook to the jaw and was decked for eight.

Looking unsteady, he couldn't stop a similar punch getting through his defences, and down he went again, this time for another eight.

Nose bleeding, Wood managed to stay on his feet in the face of an all-out attack, and towards the end of the round was actually fighting back.

Amazingly Wood took the initiative in the final session, and with both men punching hard, it was exciting stuff. It looked as if Wood just edged the round, taking the decision, but a section of the crowd didn't agree.

Another case of an early lead being forgotten as soon as the man in front was floored, but Falconer deserves a lot of credit for his forcing tactics which so nearly paid off.

Brian Huckfield, Birmingham, 194, beat experienced Dave Parris, Tottenham, 185, who was retired by his corner at the end of the third with an injury to his right eye. However, Parris had finished the round on one knee, and huckfield looked set for victory.

Achille Mitchell, Birmingham, 144, beat John Sagar, Barnsley, 141, the bout being stopped in the sixth. Sagar had taken a couple of right hands, but looked to be giving as good as he got and protested at the stoppage.

Substitute Dennis Harbon, Bradford, 149, outscored Roy Commosioung, Luton, 149, over eight by 79½-78. Harbon sert up a sustained attack and was good value for his

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## BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHT**
Champion
BUNNY JOHNSON (J)

1. JOE BUGNER (E)
2. MANI VAKA (T)
3. BILLY AIRD (E)
4. DANNY McALINDEN (I)
5. NGOZIKA EKWELUM (N)
6. RICHARD DUNN (E)
7. FONOMANU SEKONA (T)
8. ROCKY CAMPBELL (Ant.)
9. EDDIE NEILSON (E)
10. MAILE NAIMONA (Samoa)

**WELTERWEIGHT**
Champion
CLYDE GRAY (C)

1. JOHN H. STRACEY (E)
2. ROCKY MATTIOLI (A)
3. FERNAND MARCOTTE (C)
4. EDDIE BLAY (G)
5. BUNNY GRANT (J)
6. PAT THOMAS (J)
7. JEFF GALE (W)
8. KENNY WEBBER (E)
9. HENRY RHINEY (J)
10. LENNOX BECKLES (Guy.)

**CRUISERWEIGHT**
Champion
STEVE ACZEL (A)

1. JOHN CONTEH (E)
2. JOHNNY FRANKHAM (E)
3. CHRIS FINNEGAN (E)
4. TIM WOOD (E)
5. VICTOR ATTIVOR (G)
6. ROY JOHN (W)
7. PAT McCANN (E)
8. GARY SUMMERHAYS (C)
9. BABY BOY ROLLE (J)
10. GREG McNAMARA (A)

**LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT**
Champion
HECTOR THOMPSON (A)

1. ALI AFAKASI (NZ)
2. MARTIN BENI (Papua)
3. JOEY SINGLETON (E)
4. PAT McCORMACK (I)
5. JOHNNY SUMMERHAYS (C)
6. DES MORRISON (J)
7. WALLY CARR (A)
8. ALAN SALTER (E)
9. BILLY WAITH (W)
10. LAWRENCE HAFEY (C)

**BANTAMWEIGHT**
Champion
PAUL FERRERI (A)

1. DAVE NEEDHAM (E)
2. BRIAN ROBERTS (A)
3. PADDY MAGUIRE (I)
4. SULLEY SHITTU (G)
5. PADDY GRAHAM (I)
6. JIM SLATTER (A)
7. JOHN KELLIE (S)
8. GUINEA HILLIER (A)
9. DENNIS TALBOT (A)
10. BRIAN CLOUT (A)

**MIDDLEWEIGHT**
Championship Vacant

1. BUNNY STERLING (J)
2. KEVIN FINNEGAN (E)
3. CARLOS MARKS (T)
4. ALAN MINTER (E)
5. DAVE DOWNEY (C)
6. GARY BROUGHTON (C)
7. LARRY PAUL (E)
8. CARL SPEARE (E)
9. ROY LEE (J)
10. DAVE DAKERS (Br. Hon.)

**LIGHTWEIGHT**
Champion
JONATHAN DELE (N)

1. KEN BUCHANAN (S)
2. JIM WATT (S)
3. MATT ROPIS (A)
4. PERCY HAYLES (J)
5. FITZROY GUISEPPE (Tr)
6. ANDY BROOME (A)
7. GEORGE McGURK (E)
8. TOMMY DUNN (E)
9. PAUL COLLETTE (C)
10. DAVE RICHARDS (A)

**FLYWEIGHT**

Champion
BIG JIM WEST (A)

1. PATRICK MAMBWE (Zam.)
2. JOHN McCLUSKEY (S)

**LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT**
Championship Vacant

1. ELISHA OBED (Bah.)
2. MONTY BETHAM (NZ)
3. MAURICE HOPE (Ant.)
4. MATT DONOVAN (Tr)
5. JEAN CLAUD LECLAIR (C)
6. RICKY PATTERSON (A)
7. BILLY O'DONNELL (A)
8. JOHNNY GALLUZZO (A)
9. JIM BAVIN (NZ)
10. JIMMY BATTEN (E)

**FEATHERWEIGHT**
Champion
DAVID POISON KOTEY (G)

1. ART HAFEY (C)
2. BOBBY DUNNE (A)
3. VERNON SOLLAS (S)
4. JIMMY REVIE (E)
5. MERV WOCKNER (A)
6. ALAN RICHARDSON (E)
7. GEORGE TURPIN (E)
8. BINGO CROOKS (J)
9. ALAN BUCHANAN (S)
10. JIMMY BROWN (A)

*BILLY MOELLER (A) won the vacant and newly-formed Junior Lightweight title by beating JIMMY BELL (S). Moeller has been ordered to defend against MAMA CLAY. No other contenders have been nominated.*

# ACTION IN EUROPE

By JACK A. TREE

# FOUR CONTINENTAL TITLE HOLDERS LOSE LEADERSHIP

BERLIN, GERMANY — Three more European championship bouts recently brought the total to fifteen for six months. This was one more than for the same period in 1974. Bob Allotey, bantamweight, Jo Jiminez, featherweight, Jose Duran, junior middleweight, all from Spain, and Kevin Finnegan, Britain, lost their crowns.

Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz, Spain, held on to his European junior welterweight crown, outpointing Ramano Fanali, Italy, winning on points over fifteen rounds at Barcelona. Fanali, ten years older than the champion, tired towards the end of the fight, was cut about the face.

Earlier in the bout he was on top. Fouz won the vacant title on March 8 this year, at Zurich, where he outscored Walter Blaser, Switzerland.

Thirteen boxers have held the title since Olli Maki, Finland, first reigned in 1964. Fouz is the fifth Spaniard to wear the crown. It was the 28th European championship contest at junior welterweight and the second to be staged at Barcelona.

Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway, retained his European Junior lightweight title outpointing Italian Antonio Puddu over fifteen frames at Oslo. Paulson won the crown beating German Lothar Abend, on May 7, 1974, and has since made successful defenses against, Giovanni Girgenti, Italy, on two occasions. It was the fourth title fight to be staged at Oslo and Paulsen is the fourth champion in this division since Tommaso Galli, Italy, reigned in 1971.

In Berlin, Eckhard Dagge, Germany, dethroned European junior middleweight champion, Jose Duran, Spain, the latter retiring in round nine. Tears flowed freely from the eyes of 68 year-old manager and promoter, Fritz Gretzschel, as his fighter, Eckhard Dagge, was crowned. Gretzschel could well have lived a comfortable life in retirement away from the worries and troubles that boxing provides.

The German millionaire who made a come back in 1973, when he enticed four amateurs to join the paid ranks, probably now feels that the two heart attacks he suffered were well worth while now that his fighter is European champion.

It was some seventeen years ago that Gretzschel saw another fighter under his charge win a European crown. It was Gustav Scholz who won the middleweight title beating Charles Humez, France, in Berlin. In 1964 Scholz went on to dethrone the light heavyweight champion of Europe, Giulio Rinaldi

Fritz Gretzschel brought over world light heavyweight champion, Harold Johnson, from America, to make a defnese against Scholz, in Berlin, in 1962. It was the first world title fight on German soil and Scholz lost on points.

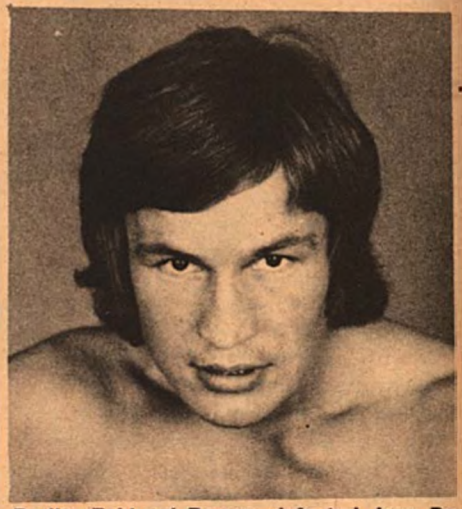
Once Scholz had retired, Gretzschel took a bow and remained in the back ground until March 2, 1973, when Eckhard Dagge made his professional debut. Dagge in 845 days, 109 rounds of boxing in 17 fights, won the German middleweight title and fought twice for the European junior middleweight crown.

In his first encounter, in September last year, he was taken out of his fight against champion Jose Duran in round eleven with both eyes almost closed. His only other defeat was on points to Carlos Marks over ten rounds. Matt Donovan (KO2), Denny Moyer (P10), Manny Gonzalez (P10) and Billy Backus (KO3) all lost to the German. From four amateurs who joined Gretzschel's stable in 1973, Bernd August is the German heavyweight champion and second in line for a shot at Joe Bugner's European title; Dagge, of course the new European junior middleweight champion; Leo Kakolewicz, holds the German light heavyweight crown and Frank Wissenbach looks a future champion at junior middleweight.

Gretzschel will now, of course, go all out to obtain a world title fight for Dagge. Only four German boxers have ever fought for a world title, Max Schmeling, Gerhard Piaskowy, Gustav Scholz and Willi Quatuor, with Max Schmeling the only one to win a crown.

Unless a fighter is very fortunate he must first wear the European crown to get a shot at the world title. Few rulers of Europe however, have collected a world title.

Of 319 European champions only three dozen have gone on to rule the world. June has always been a good month for boxing in Germany. It was 45 years ago that Max Schmeling won the world heavyweight title beating Jack Sharkey at New York, and Schmeling, Jürgen Blin, Adolf Heuser, Gerhard Hecht and Gustav Eder all won their European crowns in the glorious month of June. Gretzschel, since 1973 has been responsible for 16 of the 52 promotions in Germany, and his shows have attracted 75,075 of the total crowd of 158,725 that have patronized boxing over the past two and a half years.



**Berlin, Eckhard Dagge, defeated Jose Duran to become the new European Junior middleweight champion.**

German boxing needs Gretzschel and Dagge more than the German pair need German boxing.

At Zalzaete, in Belgium, a fight between Rudi Haeck and Jean Pierre Hainault was declared no contest when the lights went out and prevented the contest going into the fifth round.

Danish promoter Mogens Palle, responsible for two world title fights and a couple of dozen European championship affairs in Denmark, had his licence taken away by the Danish Professional Boxing Union but got it back within twenty four hours when Palle threatened to take legal action.

Repeated violations of the unions regulations was the reason given for taking away Palle's licence. As I see it, without Mogens Palle, there would be no boxing in Denmark and no further requirement fot the Danish Professional Boxing Union.

'Jempy' Jean Pierre Coopman, Belgium, a stone cutter who once fought in a fairground booth and turned professional at the late age

of 24, is the official challenger for Joe Bugner's European heavyweight crown. Coopman had 27 amateur bouts in two years and from 25 professional contests has won 22 (15 by KO) and lost only to Rudi Lubbers, Harold Skog and Ireno Werleman.

Former German light heavyweight champion Karl Heinz Klein, who lost his title to Leo Kakolewicz in one round and was kayoed in the first by European champion,. Domenico Adinolfi, has retired.

German Rudiger Schmidtke, es-European light heavyweight champion, was disqualified in a fight against Jimmy Richards in Johannesburg. Another ex-European champion, German, Conny Velensek, lost a ten rounder to Pierre Fourie, at Durban.

Casimiro Martinez lost his Spanish heavyweight title to Jose Urtain, Spain, TKO 9. Alberto Pons was the promoter who paid a record purse of 1,617,000 Pesetas, of which Martinez received 60%.

## ITALY

Rome: Heavyweight. Vincenzo Sciarrone decisioned Franco Giannini, six.

Forli: Luciano Sarti retained his Italian middleweight title outpointing Sauro Soprani, twelve.

Portortorres: Junior lightweight. Giuseppe Mura outscored Giuseppe Agate, eight.

Como: Middleweight. Giuseppe Borghi outscored Ugo Santandrea, eight.

Sassari: Pasqualino Morbidelli won the Italian featherweight title outpointing champion, Michele Siracusa, twelve.

Savigliana: Lightweight. Giancarlo Barabotti outpointed Abu Arrow, eight.

Milan: Lorenzo Zanon won the vacant Italian heavyweight title outpointing Bepi Ros, twelve. Middleweight. Roberto Benacquista outscored Phylo Bandu, eight. Raffaele Di Costanzo beat Gabriele Lazzari, TKO 6. Light heavyweight. Ennio Cometti outscored Peter Asandoh, eight. Junior welterweight. Giuseppe Russi outpointed Andre Jordan, eight.

Ferrara: Junior middleweight. Clemente Gessi beat Bruno Rivolta who retired with a cut eye in round four.

Torre Annunziata: Junior welterweight. Ernesto Bergamesco decisioned Nicola D'Orazio, eight.

Caserta: Franco Buglione held on to his Italian flyweight title outscoring Tarcisio Boi, twelve.

Forli: Junior welterweight. Primo Bandini outscored Rocco Frasca, eight.

Cagliari: Junior welterweight. Efisio Pinna beat Gerardo Esposito, TKO 5.

Milan: Welterweight. Rocky Mattioli decisioned Mimouin Mohatar, ten.

Naples: Middleweight. Vito Antuofermo beat Reinaldo Oliveira, TKO 6.

Rome: Rosario Sanna decisioned Ugo Di Pietro, twelve, to win the vacant Italian lightweight crown. Featherweight. Salvatore Liscapade outscored Paul Ikumpayi, eight.

Naples: Junior welterweight. Domenico Monaco beat Giuseppe Minotti, KO 4. Ernesto Bergamesco outpointed Luciani Lafranchi, eight.

Milan: Middle. Damiano Lassandro beat Germano Valsecchi who retired with a cut eye in round seven. Flyweight. Franco Sperati beat Antonio De Franca who retired with a cut eye in round three. Lightweight. Vincenzo Quero and Biagio Pierri drew their eight rounder.

Germo: Antonio Castellini retained his Italian junior middle weight crown beating Osvaldo Smerilli, TKO 7. Lightweight. Oscar Aparicio beat Amleto Restano, TKO 2.

Palermo: Light heavyweight. Pete Asandoh beat Jose Gomez who retired in round six with a cut eye.

Milan: Junior lightweight. Natale Vezzoli and Luis Aisa drew their eight rounder. Jose Sanchez beat Domenico Radicioni, TKO 4.

Milan: Light heavyweight. Mate Parlov, Yugoslavia, having his second professional fight, beat Robert Amory, TKO 5. Flyweight Emilio Pireddu decisioned Antonio Franca, eight. Junior welterweight. Everaldo Azevedo Costa and Giuseppe Martinez drew their eight rounder. Luigi Mannarino outscored Nicola D'Orazio, eight.

Udine: Bruno Freschi beat Piero Meraviglia, TKO 2 for the Italian junior welterweight title.

## SPAIN

Almeria: Heavyweight. Jose Antonio Galvez outpointed Jose Urtain, eight. Lightweight. Manuel Alcala outscored Miguel Molleda, eight.

Jativa: Welterweight. Jose Murillo lost on points to Cipriano Garcia, eight.

Zaragoza: Lightweight. Luis Aisa outpointed Isidoro Cabeza, eight. Bantamweight. Angel Oliver outscored Andres Ravios, eight. Lightweight. Mohatar II outpointed Fernando Bermejo, eight.

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# EUROPEAN RATINGS

(As of Sept. 15th 1975)

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
2. Bernd August (G)
3. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
4. Dante Cane (I)
5. Bepi Ros (I)
6. Rudi Lubbers (H)
7. Jan Lubbers (H)
8. Mario Baruzzi (I)
9. Jose Urtain (S)
10. Bjorn Rudi (N)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
* Domenico Adinolfi (I)
1. Aldo Traversaro (I)
2. Harold Skog (N)
3. Freddie DeKerpel (B)
4. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
5. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
6. Christian Poncelet (F)
7. Yannick Dufour (F)
8. Eric Nussbaum (Switz)
9. Conny Velensek (G)
10. Sergio Janilli (I)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
* Gratien Tonna (F)
1. Max Cohen (F)
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# ACTION IN AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

# THOMSON, SET FOR CERVANTES, STOPS FILIPINO BARRO IN 6

**SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA — Australian and Commonwealth junior-welter champion Hector Thompson, 141, on his way soon to tackle world champ Antonio Cervantes, had a good workout at the expense of Filipino Rudy Barro, 10.0, at Brisbane Festival Hall. Hector won by a clean KO in round six.**

**At all times he moved freely, allowed Barro to keep the fight close on the scorecard, and always looked as though he would finish the fight when he opened up. This he did in the sixth.**

**A left rip, followed by a right to the jaw set up the visitor. Thompson followed him around the ring, picking his punches, then dropped the Filipino with a solid right to the jaw. Count-out. Hec had decked Barro in the second round, a fact which told him that he could end the fight at his leisure. Thompson will have a couple more fights prior to tackling Cervantes.**

▲ Australian and Commonwealth light-heavyweight champion *Steve Aczel*, 185¾, had a short trip to the vacant Australian heavyweight title by knocking out *Tommy Mears*, 191¾, in the fourth frame at Blacktown R.S.L. Club. Mears was decked five times in all, the second knockdown of the fourth round bringing the count-out. Tommy had one brief moment of glory when he dropped Aczel who regained his pins in a couple of seconds.

The only surprising aspect of the whole bout was that backers of Aczel got even money with their bets. Should have been tens on; Aczel was a living certainty.

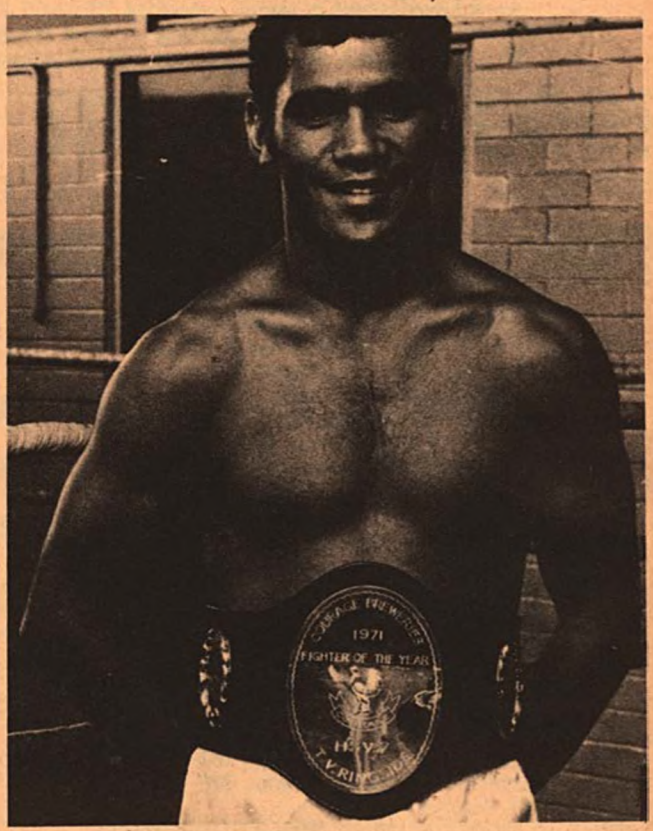
▲ The Australian middleweight title, made vacant with the retirement of Tony Mundine, fell into the hands of *Semi Bula*, 160, when he clearly outpointed *Greg McNamara*, 160, over 12 rounds at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford. Bula, born in Fiji but a resident of Australia for almost six years, boxed well throughout. He also boxed cleanly, which is not what McNamara did. He is a rough boy, Greg, and he gave me a busy night as referee.

Mundine, in the meantime, has announced plans for a comeback and will chase Aczel's titles.

▲ Australian and Commonwealth flyweight champion *Big Jim West*, whose chances of making flyweight again are about as slim as my making middleweight, defended his New South Wales State bantam crown against former holder *Brian Clout* at Blacktown R.S.L. Club. Whale of a fight as both are aggressive fighters. West, 118, won by KO in round seven. Clout, 117½, is best at around 122, so in a battle such as this Brian was behind the eight-ball.

▲ N.S.W. State junior-welter champion *Ross Fadie*, 142, a Henry Armstrong style fighter, outpointed *Dally Law*, 145, in a solid eight-round main at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford. A really good fight that drew a shower of coins from ringsiders. Fadie's win was clear but Law was in there all the way.

▲ Some three weeks later *Ross Fadie*, 138, went to Panguna, Bougainville Is., to do battle with hard-thumping Papuan *Martin Beni*, 139½. Fadie boxed this one, a strange departure from his usual style, and he pleased the fans but Beni won clearly, according to reports. Fadie had no complaints. Said he enjoyed his stay, was treated royally, but said: "Gee, it was hot weather up there. Reckon I lost about seven pounds in the fight."




HECTOR THOMPSON

▲ *Dally Law*, 142, made a return to the Juniors and comfortably outpointed *Paul Bink*, 140, in the main-event ten. Bink couldn't co-ordinate in this bout, and although the fans enjoyed the action, Bink himself was disgusted with his form. He certainly was below par. Law, on the other hand, boxed well all the way and deserved his clear-cut victory.

▲ There were two ten-rounders at Blacktown R.S.L. Club, when *Lou Cruz*, 139½, and *Seamus McGahon*, 140, turned on the best fight seen at this club. It was a war, just as their earlier bout at North Sydney Leagues Club had been. McGahon won the first on points but this time Cruz edged the win. These two should be satis-

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# UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

## HEAVYWEIGHTS

*George Foreman, Hayward, Calif.
1—Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
3—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
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4—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, N.Y.
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10—Johnny Baldwin, Houston, Texas.

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9—Erasmo Flores, Houston, Texas
10—Paul Kallai, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Champion

## ART ARAGON EX-FIGHTER STILL IS COAST GOLDEN BOY

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ter and fought welterweight and middleweight titleholder Carmen Basilio. During the 1950s, Art was involved in several fistic melees with Lauro Salas outside the roped circle. The incidents proved to arouse the boxing public who demanded a showdown inside the ring.

The fistic natural was a cinch sellout at the Olympic on the night of March 4, 1952, with Aragon winning the grudge battle in 10 rounds. Although he lost to Aragon, Salas several weeks later upset Jimmy Carter to win the world's lightweight crown in 15 rounds.

Aragon took a severe pounding in his fight with Carmen Basilio and the bout was finally halted to save Art from complete annihilation. He also took a terrific pasting from welterweight contender Vince Martinez. Aragon's best ring performances were fistic triumphs over Cisco Andrade, Joey Giambra, Jimmy Carter, Joey Lopes, Paddy DeMarco and Phil "Wildcat" Kim.

"One important rule I always followed," said Art, "was to abstain from sex—up until two minutes before the fight. I ate everything I wanted. But I never swallowed." Aragon's fight with Dick Goldstein at the Olympic Auditorium was his worse ring showing, and the repercussions that followed included a boxing commission hearing. The implication was that the "fix" was on, but neither battler was suspended just reprimanded.

In the early 1950s, Art was featured in the movie "From Hell to Eternity," the film biography of war hero Audie Murphy. When Aragon retired from the boxing ring in the late 50s, he became a bail bondsman in Los Angeles. His slogan was "I'll get you out if it takes a lifetime."

Art has been married three times and is currently living in the suburbs of the sprawling San Fernando Valley. "I quit the bail bonds business to devote my full time to acting," Art related. "The movie parts have been coming in pretty steady. I've got several parts in films coming up and I also do plenty of television work. I get more work than I can handle. The phone just keeps ringing."

Art Aragon is a legendary figure around the Southern California sporting fraternity; he always manages to pop out in most major golfing tournaments, sports award shows and is still considered California's greatest box office attraction.

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## "JOE FRAZIER WILL NEVER BEAT ME"

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soon as they're signed, they start talking. They not only want to beat me they want to talk more. Now, Joe Fraaaz-iuh is telling everybody about his new right hand. I hope he does have one. He'll need all the help he can get. But how do you find a right hand in one fight? I don't know what it is, the minute they step into the ring with me they forget everything anyway.

Joe Fraaaz-iuh will be too busy taking punches and defending himself. He'll be mixed up, wondering what I'm going to do next. How can I tell him or anybody else what I'm going to do? I don't even know myself.

## PRESS AND FANS CRITICIZE BUGNER FOR KUALA FIGHT, MRS. JOE TALKS EMIGRATION

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win.

Steve Walker, Birmingham, 172½, outpointed Len Britton, Doncaster, 170, by 79½-77½ over eight, a victory that must have given him a lot of satisfaction. It was Steve's first win in his last seven bouts.

**St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow**—Gerry Duffy, Dunfermline, 126, beat southpaw Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 127½, the referee intervening in the third after Wright had been decked twice.

Wright can usually be relied upon to take a punch well, but Duffy was hitting hard with both hands, and gave an impressive performance.

Central Area light-heavyweight champion Phil Martin, Manchester, 177, beat Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 176, who retired at the end of the fourth with an injured right hand. These two have met four times, Martin winning them all.

Hughie Smith, Chapelhall, 138, drew with Barton McAllister, Tooting, 141, over eight twos, and can consider himself a little unlucky not to get the nod.

Gordon Kirk, Liverpool, 142, drew with Herbie McLean, Edinburgh, 141½, over six crowd-pleasing rounds.

**20th Century Sporting Club, Southend**—Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 132, kept his Midlands Area lightweight crown by beating Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 132, the referee calling a halt when Evans was cut over the left eye.

Not much between them when the end came, although Belnavis seemed in front and made the most of his longer reach.

Evans' cut required three stitches.

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Batman Austin, Tottenham, 161½, outpointed Joe Lally, Liverpool, 162, over eight by 79-78. Lally had won his previous four, all on knockouts, but Austin kept his left jab working and rarely allowed Lally to get into range so that he could land his big punch.

In fact the one knockdown was credited to Austin in the fourth, but Lally rose immediately.

Kevin Paddock, Southampton, 157½, outscored Mick Lock, Croydon, 164½, over eight by 79-78½. Appreciative fans tossed in nobbins after this one.

Colin Powers, Notting Hill, 138, beat Hugh Clarke, Battersea, 141½, who retired at the end of the fourth.

**Bedfordshire Sporting Club**—Johnny Cox, Northampton, 175, beat Glenroy Raylor, Lewisham, 171, who was disqualified at the end of the second session.

An untidy affair. Referee Mike Jacobs warned both men in the second for persistent holding and for using bad language.

At the end of the round referee Jacobs went across to Taylor's corner to issue a further warning, whereupon Taylor started to argue, not only with the official, but with his own manager.

He then refused to come out for the following round, leaving the referee no alternative but to rule him out.

Debutant Roger Doyle, Bedford, 129, easily outscored Ginger Bell, Lewisham, 130, over six twos by 60-57½. Southpaw Doyle looked useful.

There were only two bouts on this Ladies' Night programme.

## FOSTER MAULS HARDNEY IN 3 WANTS SOME OF THAT DOUGH

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said he was the promoter of the card.

Managed before by Lou Viscusi, Foster says he is his own manager now.

"I want to fight here in New Mexico for my people," said Foster. "I'll show them and those people in New York I'm still the roughest light heavyweight around."

## PUNCH LINES

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pick up weight while preparing for a shot at a world championship. A fine boxer forced to cut 16 pounds off his weight in ten days. I have been a fight buff but never before heard of anything like it. The Ring should get a fine writer to pick up the pieces and give us a classic.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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**Q.** How great really was Jack Johnson? Was he a GREAT or was he a clown?

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## HOWARD SMITH, CALIFORNIA CHAMP SCARES 'EM AWAY-

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In full football gear, Howard was capable of doing the 100 yard dash in ten seconds flat. It was little wonder that the pro scouts were after him.

Howard turned pro boxer in 1969 and quickly drifted into obscurity. Not that he wasn't trying, but fights were difficult to obtain and weary managers did their level best to keep their boys from harm's way, and that meant they wanted no part of Smith. While generally unknown outside California, shrewd managers can spot a potential blockbuster a mile away, so name opponents avoided the state champion like the plague.

Smith acquired the Middleton fight only by chance. Larry's originally scheduled rival pulled out of the match due to illness. As it happened, Howard was available and more than willing to get back into action. The rest as they say, is history.

As a pro, Smith has a record of 12 wins in 13 fights, with 8 of those wins coming via the slumber route (KO). That the 210 pound fighter can hit is not questioned.

Ask Jack O'Halloran, the 250 pound boxer of whom Smith made an ex-champion by winning the California heavyweight title. O'Halloran was stopped in nine rounds by TKO, and hasn't been heard from since.

Dispite his world rating, the 28 year old Smith has yet to see any big purse money. He sponsors himself by operating a fork-lift during the day and training at night. He keeps in shape at all times in hopes of securing a big fight.

"I've had trouble getting fights." Howard explained. "Last year I only had three, this year only one. Nobody wants to take a chance against me. I don't think I'm as good as people say. When they come up to me and say I'm perfect, then maybe I'll think I'm pretty good."

Howard is a firm believer in the powers of positive thinking, and so far it has paid off as he has not lost in three years. The normally pleasant and outgoing Smith becomes tense on the subject of Ali and George Foreman. He feels both men are ducking him, and that he should have had that title shot that Lyle got because he (Smith) was the higher rated contender. When Foreman was putting together his five man match in Canada, Howard tried desperately to get on the list of opponents. However, Foreman's people wanted no part of Smith, even when they were backed into a corner by the cancellation of Mac Foster at the last moment. Based on George's performance that afternoon, it appeared his people were right in avoiding Smith, who might have finished off Foreman's legend once and for all.

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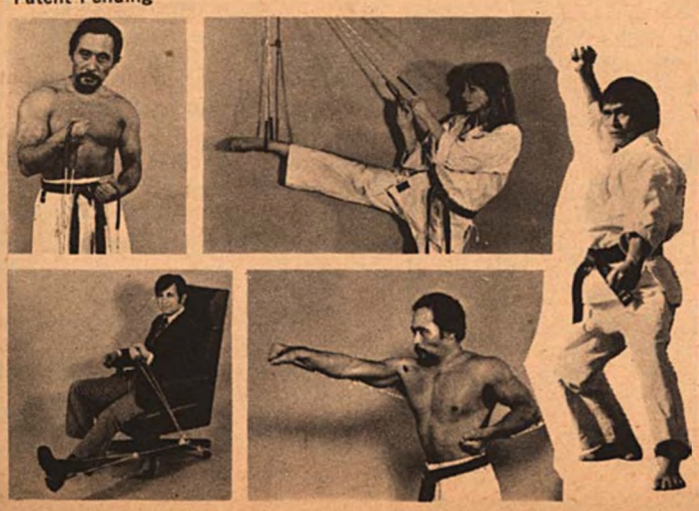

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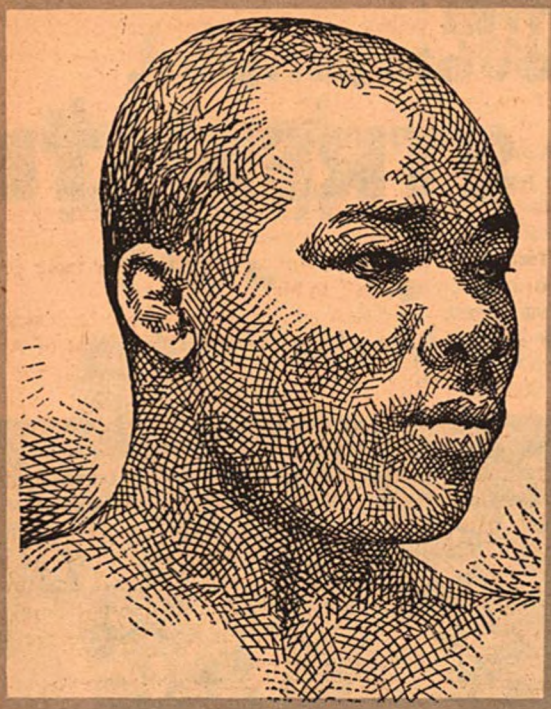

JOE WALCOTT

# WALCOTT OF OLD FOUGHT THEM ALL AT ANY WEIGHT

By GREG ST. GEORGE

GREAT in its profusion of outstanding champions, comparatively neglected by historians and other writers, the middleweight division offers a most interesting field to the boxing researcher and conscientious "digger."

There is no doubt that the middleweights have suffered, as a class, from the common belief that the division lies in the shadow of Stan Ketchel, the Michigan Assassin, who has been called the greatest fighter: weight, punch, gameness, daring and crowd appeal considered.

However, the fact remains that Ketchel was beaten, and that the whole subject of the middleweight division demands careful review and reconsideration.

The writer's research plays up the belief that Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes Demon, was a standout all-weight and rival of Ketchel in ring history.

Ketchel was great. Ketchel was a wonder. But when he met Jack Johnson, and decided to get with the Galveston Negro, Johnson stopped Stan in the twelfth round at Colma, Cal., on October 16, 1919.

There was quite a similarity to the fight in 1941 in which Joe Louis stopped Billy Conn in the thirteenth round.

Ketchel was doing pretty well. Suddenly he got the notion that he could stop Jack. Down went the curtain. The following July Johnson knocked out Jim Jeffries in the fifteenth round.

The records say that Walcott was the welterweight champion. But he never paid any attention to the scales. He fought anybody, anywhere, any weight.

Joe started his ring career in 1890 and ended it in 1911. He died in 1935, killed in an automobile crash at Massillon, Ohio.

The book says that Walcott had 150 fights but some 50 were lost in the archives.

Examination of Joe's record leads to the suspicion that like so many other Negro fighters of his time he had to make "concessions" to get matches with white boxers.

How great actually was Ketchel? How great was Billy Papke? Where, in the light of 1973 material, do Marcel Cerdan, Rocky Graziano, Tony Zale, Jake La Motta, Sugar Ray Robinson and Mickey Walker figure in our review?

Many years ago the late Nat Fleischer, who started The Ring Magazine in 1922, got up a list of the Top Ten in each division. He published these all-time ratings in the Ring Record Book and this is how he ranked the middleweights:

1 — Stanley Ketchel; 2 — Tommy Ryan; 3 — Harry Greb; 4 — Mickey Walker; 5 — Ray Robinson; 6 — Frank Klaus; 7 — Billy Papke; 8 — Les Darcy; 9 — Mike Gibbons; 10 — Jeff Smith.

Examining this list carefully, we find that there are spots in which we cannot go along with old ratings.

Among those who held, or laid claim to, the middleweight title were the crafty Kid McCoy, the artful Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, the clever Mike Donovan, the inventive George La Blanche, of the Pivot Blow, and the original Jack Dempsey, the Non-pareil.

Bob Fitzsimmons, too, has to be listed as, for a time, he was the No. 1 middleweight.

Not to be snubbed is Mike O'Dowd. Nor may we ignore Fred Apostoli, Marcel Thil, Ceferino Garcia, Freddy Steele, Emile Griffith, Nino Benvenuti and the current title holder, punching Carlos Monzon.

In reviewing middleweight material we must not forget that the class was subject to numerous weight limit changes.

For many years back in the bare knuckle days, there were few, if any, distinctions among professional fighters who weighed more than 150 pounds.

Daniel Mendoza, who for some time was the champion of Britain, never weighed more than 160 pounds.

When, in 1888, John L. Sullivan and Charley Mitchell fought 39 rounds to a draw in the rain and mud at Chantilly, France, the Boston Strong Boy weighed 200 pounds and the Briton was under 160.

Coming down to our own time, Georges Carpentier actually weighed 164 pounds, as against 187 for Jack Dempsey.

In the old days, champions other than the heavies had the no-

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## 6 TO 5, PICK' EM, AS ALI AND FRAZIER PREPARE FOR THIRD MEETING, IN MANILA

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sticking and moving, stopping occasionally to mount a two-fisted attack and then getting the devil out of reach before Frazier could catch him with one of those looping left hands as had happened in their first fight.

Ali's method was successful, with Frazier throwing mostly single shots and occasional bombs, a few of which landed and shook up Ali. Never, however, when Frazier had Ali in trouble was he able to follow up his advantage. Ali managed to tie him up, dance away or confuse Joe by taking the offensive and tossing a flurry of punches that threw Frazier off balance.

The fight ended at the end of twelve rounds with Ali the unanimous winner on points, and there was very little doubt as to Ali's supremacy.

And now we have Ali and Frazier for the third and deciding time. Ali has rewon his title by defeating Foreman by an eight round knockout in Kinshasa, and now it is Ali, the champion who faces Frazier, the challenger.

What has happened to these two fighters during the span that has elapsed since their first meeting?

Are they both the same fighters? Obviously not! Ali has slowed down, he no longer throws his combinations with pin point accuracy nor the authority as of yore. He now resorts to ring savvy, hence; The rope er dope, The Russian tank, the Mirage et al. All of these maneuvers are a means to draw an opponent into him, while he attempts to smother his adversary's attack or make him miss. Ali does little fighting himself with the hope of wearing his opponent down, letting his opponent punch himself out. He did this with Foreman, who looked good in the opening three rounds.

Between the heat and steady punching, plus never having gone fifteen rounds before, and having no knowledge of pacing himself, Foreman was all burned out by the end of the fifth session and Ali could then take his time, look for the openings and then put his man away, as he did in the eighth round.

Ali has become a better in-fighter in recent years although he has lost other attributes. It is this ability that will stand him in good stead with Frazier.

As for Joe, he is the same dependable, gutsy guy who can be depended upon to make a busy evening out of it for anyone.

As Joe Bugner put it in Kuala Lumpur after his defeat by Ali; "If Frazier and Ali fight in an air conditioned arena I pick Frazier to win, if in an open arena in Manila Ali will take it.

"I have fought both and I think the weather had a lot to do with my inability to be more aggressive here."

Many believe that if Bugner had had a real punch he would have knocked out Frazier in their 1973 fight when he had Joe in serious trouble. Lacking the punch, he let Frazier slip away to go on and win a twelve round decision from him.

Has Frazier slipped any or is he still the "Henry Armstrong," perpetual motion machine, that faced Ali on both occasions?

Joe still appears to have his stamina and good left hand, but he must suffer from his lack of action, as compared to Ali, who keeps his fighting machine in the best shape he can. Ali no longer has a complete arsenal but what he has he keeps ready to fire.

Frazier agrees with Bugner in that he would not fight in an open arena in Manila. The fight would have had to be held elsewhere if the Philippine Government hadn't come up with the 28,000 seat Peoples Coliseum as the venue for the contest. It is air conditioned and Frazier feels that this is the edge he needs.

The fight labeled "The Thriller In Manila" is aptly named as Frazier is guaranteed 3.5 million and Ali 6.5 million for their night's endeavors. Both men realize that to the winner will go more millions as heavyweight fights go these days, and both men will be in the ring not only for the money but for pride.

Ali is saturated with it — he feels he is the leader of a movement, an emblem for his people and to lose is impossible for him to accept. If he does, I believe he will then retire. If he wins he still has a few more good "shows" in him.

Frazier, too, has his pride and he is sick of Ali's rantings and slurs. True most of Ali's verbal attacks are not meant as such, but are only a build up for the gate, but whether meant or no Frazier has allowed Ali's statements to get under his skin, especially the cracks about Frazier's poor showing against Foreman and his, Ali's, superb showing.

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## RODNEY BOBICK OUT OF THE SHADOW

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tle, but Rodney was moving up on his brother.

On July 31st in Bloomington, Minnesota Rodney finally came out of the shadow of his brother, and moved into the sun as he won a rugged, but clean cut decision over Ron Stander, the "Butcher" from Council Bluffs. It was now the Bobick brothers, both recognized for their fistic abilities. In Rodney's corner for the Stander win was "Mr. Boxing" himself, Angelo Dundee. It was a sign of things to come.

Manager Fesenmaier sold Rodney's contract to Mike Hayden, a Little Falls banker, and Rodney's younger brother Leroy prior to the Stander match for $13,500. They in turn sold a portion of the contract to Dundee.

Angelo took Rodney to Florida, and then to Deer Lake, Pa. to give him some training with some top names. Bobick trained with Muhammad Ali as he prepared for his winning effort against George Foreman in Africa last October. Ali and Bobick hit it off right away and have become friends. He also got married during this time.

On November 22nd Rodney had trouble with highly regarded Pat Duncan at Bloomington, Minn. Duncan was floored in the ninth round and gave up between the ninth and tenth rounds with a leg injury. Seeing that Duncan had defeated England's Dan McAlinden, and gave contender Joe Bugner a tough fight it was thought he would really test Bobick, but his was not the case.

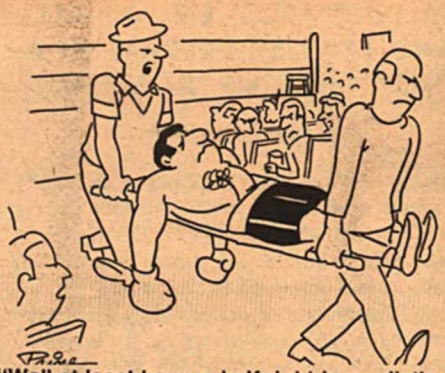
Knockout artist Terry Krueger was brought to Rochester, Minnesota on Jan. 29, 1975 to oppose an every improving Bobick. Krueger's power was not evident as Rodney stopped him rather easily in three rounds. Rodney has now stepped out ahead of his brother Duane, out of the shadow and into the sun.

As of this writing Rodney has put together a pro record of 35-5-0 scoring 18 knockouts. Other bouts in 1975; point wins over Pedro Agosta, Cookie Wallace, decision defeats to Jody Ballard and Scott LeDoux, all bouts went ten rounds.

Former Minneapolis fighter Ernie Fleigel said of Rodney, "He's so tough he's almost indestructable. That much toughness and stamina can take a heavyweight a long way. He's improving too, in his boxing and punching. He reminds me of Two-Ton Tony Galento." Rochester promoter Ben Sternberg said, "He's better than Galento."

After the Duncan fight Dundee said, "Rodney will be a banger. My little baby is gonna be a real good fighter one day. He's just learning his trade now." If anyone should know Dundee should.

Rodney no longer is in the shadow of his brother Duane or anyone else for that matter. He is a good fighter in his own right and now he can concentrate on his quest for the heavyweight title, he's young and there is plenty of time.



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# WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

**For the Month Ending September 15, 1975**

## HEAVYWEIGHTS

Larry Middleton kayoed Rochell Norris, 9.
Randy Neumann lost on Disq. to Wendell Joseph, 5.
Duane Bobick halted Oliver Wright.
Rodney Bobick outpointed Cookie Wallace, 10.
Scott LeDoux stopped Terry Daniels, 6.
Jody Ballard halted Terry Kreuger, 4.
Bobo Renfrow beat Matt Robinson, 6.
John Berry defeated Moses Harrell, 6.
Lou Esa kayoed James Edwards, 1.
Quebracho Rodriguez drew with Ed Turner, 6.
Mike Weaver stopped Tony Doyle, 9.
Mike Mitchell halted Ray Thomas, 3.
Bruce Grandham kayoed Verne Johnston, 2.
Louis Young stopped Willie Stringfellow, 1.
Robert Echols kayoed Leroy Grayer, 3.
John Dennis stopped Jimmy Cross, 5.
Brian O'Melia halted Joe Hoctor, 2.
Leroy Jones beat Larry Frazier, 10.
Dave Stillwell outpointed John Allen, 5.
Jody Ballard halted O.T. Davies, 5.
Ibar Arrington beat Fred Wallace, 10.

## LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Len Hutchins kayoed John Griffin, 4, U.S. light heavyweight title.
Alvaro Lopez outpointed Gary Summerhays, 10.
Steve Arcel stopped Peter Clay, 2.
Pedro Soto beat Mike Quarry, 10, Quarry halted Vernon McIntosh, 6.
John Wilburn kayoed Oliver Lewis, 5.
Harold Carter stopped Lou Rogan, 9.
Hildo Silva halted Danny Brewer, 8.
David Smith outpointed Budda Brooks, 8.
Jose Macias beat Pete McIntyre, 6.
George Jacobs kayoed Gary Struss, 3.
Ramon Ranqueilo stopped Ken Jones, 1.
Glen Morgan beat Kid Totas, 10.
Bob Foster kayoed Bill Hardney, 3.

## MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Vito Antuofermo halted Antonio Castilini, 5.
Rico Hoye kayoed Kid Totas, 6.
Emile Griffith beat Leo Saenz, 10.
Anthony Aspras kayoed Louis Smallwood, 2.
Cole St. John stopped Randy Miller, 4.
Bobby Payton halted Jesse Bender, 3, outpointed Willie Mack, 10.
Joe Houston drew with Frank Moore, 6.
Joe Parson beat Ron Cichon, 4.
Wayne Lewis kayoed Dave Juergens, 2.
Steve Tohill outpointed Fritz Briesemeister, 6.
Archie Andrews beat John Mills, 6.
Frank Matta stopped Heny Hall, 5.
Ray Phillips defeated Charles Cook, 8.
Ramon Peralta beat Antonio Zumoffer, 10.

## JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Elish Obed stopped Gene Wells, Chuchu Garcia, 5.
Mike Baker kayoed Paul Osborne, 8, U.S. junior middleweight title.
Eckhart Dagge halted Jose Duran, 9, European junior middleweight title.
Frans Csandl stopped Alfredo Fries, 4.
Jackie Smith beat Jerry Annson, 10.
Tony Gardner outpointed Robert Williams, 12.
Johnny Shears kayoed Tom Smith, 3.
Ike Shipman stopped Willie Hicks, 2.
Bob Pompeo outpointed Al Romano, 8.
Roscoe Frazier beat Tony McDaniels, 10.
Joey Vincent halted Henry Mitchell, 3.
Miguel Angel Castellini outpointed Rodolfo Rosales, 10.
Miguel Angel Campanino outpointed Miguel Fernandez, 10.
Carlos Villalba kayoed Carlos Reato, 5.
Manuel Gonzalez halted Pedro Acuna, 2.
Juan Garcia drew with Hugo Obregon, 10.

## WELTERWEIGHTS

Jose Napoles beat Armando Muniz, 15, retained World Welterweight Title.
Fausto Rodriguez kayoed Fermin Guzman, 7.
Floyd Mayweather decisioned Tyrone Phelps, 8.
Ronnie Gibbons stopped Angel Citron, 3.
Pete Ranzany kayoed Toshihara Nambu, 6.
Rory O'Shea lost to Gary Guiden, 6.
Walter Gomez kayoed Hugo Espindola, 4.
Carlos Peralta outpointed Mario Delgado, 10.
Juan Vedia beat Manuel Lira, 10.
Jorge Durdos won from Juan Inostroza disq. 3.
Mario Guilloti beat Orlando Miranda, 10.

## JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Saengsak Muangsurin kayoed Pedro Fernandez, 8, W.B.C. junior welterweight title.
Hector Thompson kayoed Rudy Barro, 6.
Tim Walker outpointed Roberto Medina, 8.
George Anderson decisioned Tom Tarantino, 8.
Tony Lopes defeated Carlos Garcia, 6.
Jose Ortiz beat Roland Sigman, 4.
Leoncio Ortiz halted Clemente Mucino, 2.
Sergio Rodriguez beat Chucho Almazan, 10.
Mario Miranda kayoed Hugo Ibarraz, 2.

## LIGHTWEIGHTS

Angel Mayoral defeated Miguel Mayan, 10.
Rudy Barro kayoed by Hector Thompson, 6.
Ken Buchanan halted Giancarlo Usai, 12, E.B.U. lightweight title.
Juan Hidalgo stopped Amado Pinet, 2, Cisco Reyes, 1.
Randy Shields beat Centavito Hernandez, 10.
Billy Parks outpointed Tony Martinez, 5.
Bob Richards lost to Joe DeFayette, 8.
Termite Watkins halted Marion Thomas, 7.
Jesus Alonso stopped Juan Oropeza, 5.
Sigfrido Rodriguez outpointed Jimmy Heair, 10.
John Copeland halted James Busceme, 8.

## JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Alfredo Escalera kayoed Kuniaki Shibata, 2, W.B.C. junior lightweight title.
Ray Lunny III stopped Jose Luis Lopez, 5.
Tyrone Everett halted Kyun Kim, 6.
Alex Agosto kayoed Isidro Guzman, 5.
Aurelio Muniz beat Jesus Alonso, 10.
Mario Ortiz stopped Ricardo Camoranessi, 3, Joel Gomez, 8.
Victor Echegaray beat Ramon Duarte, 10, lost Samuel Serrano, 10.

## FEATHERWEIGHTS

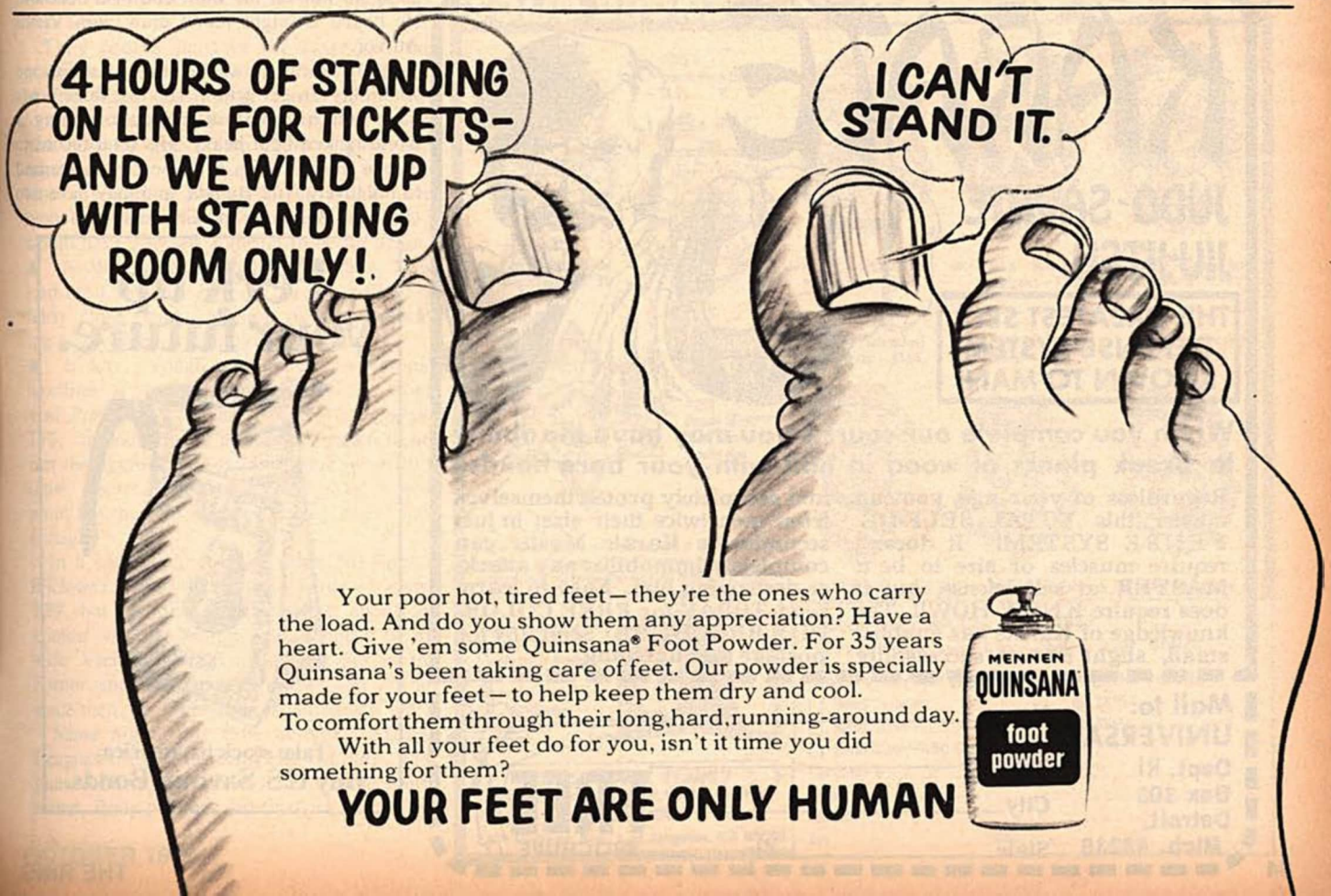
Alexis Arguello kayoed Rosalio Muro, 2, non-title.
Art Hafey defeated Ramon Reyes, 10.
Octavio Gomez beat Frank Duarte, 10, Fernando Cabanela, 10.
Gary Ferrari defeated Rufino Hernandez, 6.
Earl Wilson beat Simmie Black, 4.
Rocky Smith kayoed Billy Miller, 3.
Tony Sanchez outpointed Valente Ramos, 12.
Lupe Aguilar stopped Alejandro Lopez, 5.
Julio Leal halted Valente Vera, 8.
Rosalio Muro kayoed Ernesto Davis, 1.
Jose Casas stopped Jose Barcia, 8, drew with Juan Garcia, 10.

## BANTAMWEIGHTS

Raul Rosette beat Antonio Sanchez, 10.
Rafael Herrera lost to Famoso Gomez, 10.
Alberto Davila lost to Eliseo Cosme, 10.
Sean O'Grady kayoed Ramon Reyes, 3, beat Ramon Campos, 10, stopped Simmie Black, 4.
Manuel Barreto stopped Earl Large, 4.
Alejandro Lopez defeated Jorge Carrasco, 10.
Lorenzo Guterrez won from Raul Tirado, 10.
Memo Ortiz defeated Jose Luis Lopez, 10.
Angel Zalazar outpointed Mario Rebollo, 10.
Benicio Sosa kayoed Carlos Cordoba, 8.
James Martinez decisioned Billy Miller, 10.

## FLYWEIGHTS

Ricardo Delgado drew with Ramon Guillen, 10.
Miguel Lazarte beat Reynaldo Romero, 10.
Rancherito Fernandez halted Jarocho Reyes, 3.
Luis Torres stopped Joel Valdez, 9.
Raul Martinez outpointed Rosendo Diaz, 4.
Memo Ayala halted Pedro Sandoval, 5.
Andres Velasquez beat Fabian Garcia, 4.
Roberto Valenzuela halted Mario Rogelio, 4.
Mario Gatica kayoed Jose Alvarez, 2.
Matias Marin stopped Chucho Loria, 2.
Luis Medina drew with Jose Tzab, 8.
Francisco Marquez kayoed Rocky Thompson, 2, beat Jose Guzman, 10.
Freddie Castillo stopped Francisco Granada, 3.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## GERT STEYN WANTS MORE ACTION

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Steyn is a stylist. Watch his fast footwork and the neat way he chooses his punches, and you have a picture of classic ability. For his own sake, it's a pity the killer instinct doesn't figure in his make-up. It would help him to settle matters inside the distance more often than he does.

Let's hope his next bout is against a fighter who can draw the best out of him; someone who is willing to slug it out, so we can see Gert the counter-puncher. And let's hope he doesn't have to wait too long for fight number 20.

The Johannesburg promoters say that Steyn can blame only himself for having so few fights. They reckon he demands too much purse money. Gert counters with the argument that any boxer good enough to be a national champ deserves to be paid well.

"The promoters have this crazy idea that they are the most important characters in a tournament. They believe they do all the tough work. I don't see it that way. I say the fighters are the most important. They put their bodies on the line every time they step into the ring. They deserve good pay for the risks they take and the entertainment they provide.

"Who do the fans come to see, anyway? Not the promoters, I assure you."

The highest purse he ever received, he says, was $4,300 for defending his welterweight title against Gielie Buitendag. That was on the Arnold Taylor-Romeo Anaya bill in November, 1973, when Gert avenged his earlier licking by Gielie.

Despite his gripes against cent-pinching promoters, he will never refuse a fight for the sake of a few hundred dollars. "I try to be reasonable. I need the action. Nineteen bouts in four years is not a good average. Six fights a year would be a decent figure."

Like his brother Andries, the national lightweight champion (RING, May 1974), Gert is trained by his father, "Oom Andries" Steyn. The brothers work out in a gym inside Ooom Andries's house, 15 miles west of Johannesburg.

Gert has definite ideas about the way fighters should train. "I'm never impressed when I see a boxer tapping away at a pear ball. All you need to do is feel the ball's bounce and then keep your fist in the right place. I could do it with my eyes closed."

He prefers the kind of speed ball his father uses. It's suspended between the ceiling and the floor, and it whips back at the fighter from all angles.

When it comes to roadwork, Steyn prefers running to jogging. "Whenever I see a man jogging, I think how slowly he is moving. I could walk faster. I run two miles every morning, and I make sure it never takes me longer than 10 minutes."

He has another way of keeping trim. The building society where he works as head of investments is plumb in the middle of Johannesburg's commercial area. From there to the station, where he takes the train home, is a distance of eight blocks.

He leaves the office at 4 p.m., runs in the street alongside the traffic, buys a newspaper on the way, and settles down on the 4:05 train before it pulls out.

"I can recommend it. Dodging the cars keeps you sharp."

## WILLIE TAYLOR NEW THREAT IN LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT RANKS

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Oquendo in the Felt Forum at Madison Sq. Garden. Of this contest Taylor says: "Even Oquendo, cut and bruised, told me he thought I won." Bad luck still followed Willie as he took on rated light heavyweight Raul Loyola, Argentina. Ahead on points, the referee stopped the bout on a cut due to a Loyola butt in the third round. "I had Raul on the deck four times and still couldn't get a break."

The year ended again on a low note. He traveled to Milano, Italy to box local Aldo Taversaro. "I won six out of the eight rounds and they gave me a draw. Many people tell me that's as good as a win. I boxed here in Italy in January of this year and got an eight round decision over world ranked and European light heavyweight champion Domenico Adinolfi."

Taylor then moved on to England where he again was on the short end of a decision. He boxed an eight round draw with Victor Attivor.

Willie's future seems to be in Europe where he can get action. His last three bouts have put him within a step of being a world-ranked light heavy. His total record to date is 10-3-3, with 6 kayoes. He's married to his lovely wife Brenda, and they have two children, Willie Jr. and Charlina.


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## ACTION IN AUSTRALIA

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fied with one win each. A third meeting would take too much out of them.

In the other ten *Ben Holt*, 152½, easily outpointed *Dennis Cutmore*, 156½.

▲ At the same club three weeks later *Ben Holt* was halted in the ninth round by *Wally Carr*, whom he previously had outpointed. Methinks Holt weakened himself in coming down to 147. Carr scaled 147¼. Holt is a junior-middle and should stay in that division. Benny put on a game performance.

Same night *Lachy Austin*, 141½, appeared unlucky to share the verdict with *Lou Cruz*, 140½, over ten. Quite a good fight, with Austin the better boxer. But Lachy did have some negative moments.

At Marrickville R.S.L. three weeks after losing that close one to Cruz, *Seamus McGahon*, 144 in full boxing gear, clearly outpointed veteran *Alfie O'Sullivan*, 142, over ten. McGahon had too much on the ball in a bout that the crowd appreciated.

Coming in surprisingly heavy at 138, N.S.W. State feather champion *Billy Mulholland* upended *Tom McBride*, 135, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight at Marrickville on the McGahon-O'Sullivan bill.

▲ Fifteen seconds changed a verdict at Manly-Warrengah Leagues Club, Brookvale, and had a last blitz begun two seconds earlier, there would have been another change. *Roger Henry*, 127, batted along evenly with *Larry Valesini*, 125, in the main-event eight. At the end of the seventh session the points were level.

They fought hard in the last, and the points still were level with some 15 seconds of the fight remaining. Then Henry cut loose. He decked Valesini. Larry was on his pins near the end of the count. I gave him mine, and the bell rang. If Henry had cut loose a second or two earlier, he would have won by KO because there was no way I would have allowed Valesini to be hit again.

▲ At Western Suburbs Leagues Club, New Lambton. *Shane Patrick*, 156, gained a fairly close points decision over comebacking *Frank Roberts*, 158½. Eight-rounder.

▲ It was a rough and untidy eight-round headliner at Souths Juniors, Kingsford, when *Acki Puncher*, 170, and *Brian Fitzsimmons*, 170, clashed. Fitz, a policeman, failed to arrest the aggressive Acki and came out with a draw. As ref I saw it Puncher's way by one point but the two judges carded it even. Fair enough.

In a six-rounder on the same bill *Robbie Williams*, 130, outpointed *Roger Henry*, 129, but the only notable thing about the contest was that Robbie was seconded by his wife Vicki. She did a capable job in the corner and has tended him in the corner since then. Seems to have a permanent job.

Same night, this time at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray, *Al Gattling*, 174, gunned down *Reno Zurik*, 172, in the fourth round. Body punches did the trick.

Boxing trainer Bob Murdoch, who has his gym in the city of Geelong in the Australian State Victoria, has two promising boys in Russell Nunn and Bruce Pope. The latter made his pro debut at Kingsford recently, and my friend Don Marks said: "Pope. Wasn't there another Pope a few years ago?" "There certainly was," I replied. "Pope Paul, Pope John, Pope Pious . . . "

I remarked to Murdoch about the coincidence of his training both Nunn and Pope, and Don chipped in with: "Yes, and he also has Law on his side!" You see, Murdoch also trains Dally Law.

I told Bob that a few years ago there were a couple of Parsons in the fight game, also a Priest, and if any more of their ilk came along I'd send them to Bob Murdoch's monastery!

## WALCOTT OF OLD FOUGHT THEM ALL AT ANY WEIGHT

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tion that they could set their weight limits to suit their own purposes.

Currently, the middleweight limit is 160 pounds. When Fitzsimmons knocked out Nonpareil Dempsey in 1891, the class limit was 154 pounds. When Bob found it difficult to make that weight, he raised the limit to 158.

When Ruby Robert next entered a ring, to stop Dan Creedon in 1894, in two rounds, Fitz made 158. But in his subsequent meeting, with Jem Hall, Fitzsimmons tipped the beam at 163 and was forced to enter the heavyweight ranks. His move was a big success. Fitz knocked out Jim Corbett.

Fleischer certainly did not ignore Walcott. He rated Joe the greatest of the welters, followed by Mysterious Billy Smith, Jack Britton, Ted Kid Lewis, the Dixie Kid, Harry Lewis, Willie Lewis, Henry Armstrong, Barney Ross and Jimmy McLarnin. A truly notable array.

## LEN BECKLES DEFEATS VERNON LEWIS IN 15

*By ALLAN MANN*

**Guyana — Topping a triple header championship card put on by promoter Cyril Shaw, Len Beckles (142) bounced back. Beckles pummelled challenger Vernon Lewis (146) with jabs, crisp uppercuts and overhand rights to retain his welterweight championship over 15 rounds.**

Turning every Lewis attack into a counter offensive and looking the Beckles of old, the champion used fast two fisted combinations initially, slipped inside and ducked under Lewis's big shots and called upon his considerable defensive skills, to stay in close and nullify Lewis' power by giving him little or no punching room, frustrating the challenger, tying him up effectively at every sign of danger.

Referee Bill Brown and judge Vernon Gibson turned in 72-64 cards while judge Cecil Henery inked 75-64 all for the champion.

Big, strong Al Thomas (174) dominated the first 9 rounds against outclassed Harry Mentis (175) finally lowered the boom at 1 min. 23 secs. of round 10 KOing his opponent with a vicious left hook, right uppercut, straight right combination, to win the vacant light heavyweight championship.

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## RINGSIDE

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rings—before heading back to his native France, for a series of bouts—has joined the French Army for one year compulsory hitch. . .and will resume leather tossing there after his basic training is over. John L. Sullivan, the little southpaw swatter from Washington, has purchased a "card room" in Olympia, Washington and is also in the tree topping business. . .Earnie Shavers the Ohio heavyweight who never did make it as a serious threat to heavyweight honors. . .still figures he's got a shot at making it to the top. . .Fight promoter Don King has come a long way—he now has moved into a new office in Rockefeller Plaza in Gotham—and pays 5 grand a month rent. . .maybe this guy is looking to put the N.Y. Garden "out of business" and he might just do that. . .Not too long ago, Rocky DiFazio was the "big name" in Chicago boxing—now he's so silent. . .The New York Boxing Commission has appointed two lady boxing judges—Carol Castellano and Eve Shain—both have a good boxing background. . .Danny Bartfield, former New York lightweight who lost to my kin Pat Demers back in the forties, is now a wrestling referee. . .According to manager Carlos Eleta, lightweight champ Roberto Duran will give former champ Ken Buchanan his long awaited return match this fall in N.Y.C.—but I am afraid it is too late for Buchanan, who has been fading. . .Edwin and Adolph Viruet, managed by Joe DeMaria, have migrated west—have been boxing in Los Angeles. . .Miami boxer Frankie Otero and his mentor Richard Riesgo have ended their relationship—just plain "split"—as happens so many times in this business. . .Pat O'Grady, the veteran Oklahoma City fight promoter getting out releases on his son Sean, the bantamweight battler—and getting the kid some good wins and plenty of pro ring experience, maybe Sean will be a force to be reckoned with in that division in the not too distant fugure. . .it has been a long time since an American has made a niche in the 118 pound class. . .Mel Epstein, who pilots middleweight Mike Nixon, is no stranger to East Coast ring activity—but has been living in California for years—Mel resided in Massachusetts—and has a brother living in N.Y. State now. . .he is 76 years young—and still travels with his gladiator. . .and gets him the big wins. . .Baron von Stumme at the age of 86—still active in ring affairs in California. . .it is always good to hear from the baron and to get the news first hand. . .his last fighter of note was light heavyweight Ray "Windmill" White who retired in 1974—but Baron still has hopes of garnering a winner for a payday. . .Former W.B.A. world light heavyweight champ Vincente Rondon has been committed to a state mental hospital for treatment in Caracas, Venezuela—in recent years Rondon has suffered a series of defeats, via the kayo route. . .former featherweight and junior lightweight champion Benny Bass died at Rolling Hills Hospital in Pennsylvania—Bass had suffered a stroke and several heart attacks in recent years. . .he was 70 years of age. . .after retiring from the ring in 1940, Benny worked as a liquor and beer salesman in the Philadelphia area—until 1960—when he became a clerk in Philadelphia Traffic Court. . .When word began to escape that Bobby Chacon was beset with a serious weight problem—and had been reduced to dramatic dieting and steam baths—maybe the California State Athletic Commission should have investigated and considered the 18,770 ticket buyers—to assure them of an honest product—instead they stood by—and Chacon looked terrible in his less than two rounds with the superbly conditioned challenger, Ruben Olivares—who almost annihilated him. . .

## ANGEL ESPADA TAKES W.B.A. VACANT TITLE VIA 15 RD. DECISION

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to meet either Espada or Gray after a deadline period had been established.

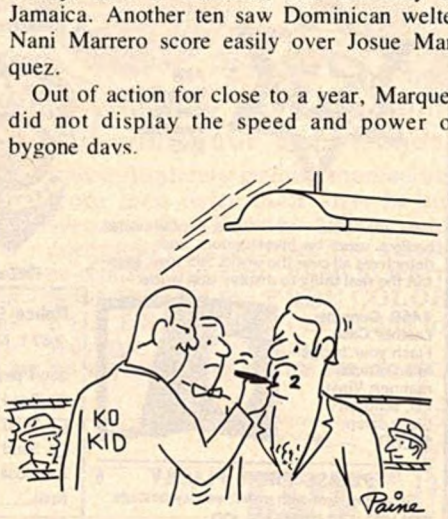
Back in March it looked like the local title affair would be between Napoles and Espada. But when all loose ends appeared to be tied up, the Napoles crowd decided that they wanted to run the whole show, freezing out local promoter Pepito Cordero and producing a stalemate.

The semi-final between leading contenders for the junior lightweight title, Samuel Serrano of Puerto Rico and Victor Echegaray of Argentina, saw a new star born in the Puertorican horizon. . . .

Serrano fought the best fight of his career in clearly outpointing the more experienced Argentinian. In the process of winning, Serrano dropped Victor on two occasions and boxed with superb elegance.

In another ten, welter Wilfredo Benitez scored a ninth round TKO over tiring Joe Henry, now of Canada, but formerly of Jamaica. Another ten saw Dominican welter Nani Marrero score easily over Josue Marquez.

Out of action for close to a year, Marquez did not display the speed and power of bygone davs.




## MUANGSURIN WINS W.B.C. JUNIOR WELTER TITLE

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was undefeated in 48 Thai-Style bouts. He turned pro with a kayo win over rated lightweight Rudy Barro of the Philippines. He then went on to kayo Japan's Lion Furuyama in seven rounds, last February 16.

Muangsurin becomes the first Thai to hold a title since Venice Borkorsor, who was the world flyweight king from 1972-1973.

There was a long line of fighters who wanted to box Fernandez for his title. The word in the fight game was that everybody wanted to beat up poor Pedro Fernandez. Well that line may not be as long for Mr. Muangsurin. His No. 1 foe is Hector Thompson of Australia. Also to be mentioned are, U.S.A.'s Monroe Brooks, United States champion Tony Petronelli and United States lightweight king Ray Lampkin.

The title bout in Bangkok drew a sellout crowd, Fernandez was paid a record $150,000, if reports are correct.

## ESCALERA STOPS SHIBATA IN JAPAN

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of punching. Shibata failed to cover himself up against Escalera's power. Down he went. He was flat on the canvas senselessly.

The third man, Morita, could have counted 200 or more against the flattened pancake. The time was 2 min. 56 sec.

It was a bitter defeat for Shibata, for he wanted to show a fine performance to his family and friends. His good conditioning resulted in a relentless mix-up.

Shibata should have avoided Alfredo's vaunted punching with his footwork after such heavy damage. However Kuni made a face-to-face attack against the man who had an advantage of 8 inches in reach.

Escalera's reported weakness, glass jaw due to his kayo by Mario Roman last Dec., would have made Shibata overconfident in a give-and-take rally.

The joyful victor had entered the ring at 128¼, Shibata one pound heavier. It was the Puerto Rican's 26th win and 16th kayo against 7 defeats and one draw.

Escalera follows the leading places of Sixto Escobar, Jose Torres and Carlos Ortiz. He had won the Golden Glove championship in 1977. Shibata, 28, suffered the 6th loss against 44 wins (25 knockouts) and 3 draws.

The jubilant Alfredo said, 'I had studied all about Shibata for two months. A film that he had finished Raul Cruz was watched repeatedly before I came to Japan. I tried to shoot my right at his jaw. I did it!' Shibata who denied retirement will have to go abroad to meet the Puerto Rican, if he wants to prove his real power to the youngster.

## MIKE QUARRY JUST ABOUT BEATS MCINTOSH IN TEN

*By BRUCE TRAMPLER*

**Orlando — Irish Mike Quarry, 171, coming off a narrow and disputed loss in Stockton to high ranking Indian Yaqui Lopez, got back on the winning track with a lopsided 10-round decision over dead game Vern McIntosh, 179, Miami.**

The busy Quarry, fighting for the fifth time this year and seeking to regain his rightful spot among the world contenders, was ranked No. 9 the day of the fight by the World Boxing Association. Mike celebrated by punching holes in the courageous McIntosh, who kept walking forward, looking to unload his vaunted heavy artillery.

There were no knockdowns, but it was a lively affair, and McIntosh will be welcomed back anytime. He did catch the agile and ringwise Quarry in a corner in the final round, but after cutting loose with some jarring combinations, Vern was spun around by Quarry andfjolted himself.

The win raised Quarry's record to 50-6-3, and the 24-year-old never looked better.

In the scheduled 10-round semifinal, Jodie Ballard, 194, Houston, scored his third win here at Pete Ashlock's Orlando Sports Stadium, a TKO in eight when Tommy Howard, 203, Bronson, Fla., retired in his corner after absorbing a frightful beating. Ballard (17-3) is among The Ring's top U.S. contenders, and has been fighting little more than a year.

A riot erupted after a controversial six-round draw between Orlando's Joey Vincent, 154, and Tampa's Tommy (Killer) Ellis, 158. Not only was the verdict disputed by the fans, who were divided between the two participants, but then Vincent was attacked in the ring by his archrival, Victor (Taco) Perez. Bleeding badly and with his gloves still on, Vincent returned Perez' fire as the crowd whooped it up, and when handlers broke the action in the ring, fights broke out among the fans.

Perez and Vincent are due to meet sometime in August.

Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross, 153, Orlando, is the most active fighter in the world. In his 11th start of the year, he punched out a second-round KO over Irving Gifford, 151, Orlando. To highlight the occasion, Ross was visited by a contingent of fans from his hometown of Tuscaloosa, Ala., including his father. Ross is now 17-1.

Ed Turner, 179, Orlando, won his second pro fight with a six-round decision over huge Clarence (King Kong) Morris, 218, Tampa.

▲**Brunswick, Ga.** — Ed (Savage) Turner, 178, Orlando, won his third start when he flattened highly touted local favorite George (Babe) Clark, 177, in a scheduled eight-rounder. Turner, with only 3 amateur bouts to Clark's nearly 300 unpaid contests, followed trainer Jimmy Williams' instructions to the letter, and simply outhustled and outmuscled the smart-stepping Clark, who is now 2-2.

On the amateur undercard, 37-year-old Clyde Fussell, who manages a good 175-pound prospect in Nathaniel Gates of Sarasota, Fla., scored another heavyweight win. Fussell actually outpointed Savage Turner in Orlando, just before Turner turned pro, but wise Clyde wants no part of a rematch with the upcoming youngster.

▲**San Jose, Calif.** — The Termite did it again. Elated over The Ring's oversight in naming him Prospect of the Month twice in succession, unbeaten Termite Watkins scored his 17th straight win when he outpointed Victor de la Cruz of Santa Anita in their 10-round main event on promoter Joe Gagliardi's card.

Termite, the 18-year-old Houston sensation co-managed by father Bill and Orlando's Pete Ashlock, won easily and continues to make a big hit wherever he boxes.

▲**Orlando** — A trio of local middleweight heroes scored sensational wins and attracted one of promoter Pete Ashlock's biggest crowds ever at his Orlando Sports Stadium.

Ashlock's 11th card of the year saw Joey Vincent, Victor (Taco) Perez, and Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross record impressive victories in their co-featured eight-rounders before 2,240 howling fanatics.

Vincent, 151, drilled Roy (Thunder) Thornton, 161, Jacksonville, with some sizzling right hands to blast out the invader from the north in two rounds of the final match. Joey, the pride of Orlando's Clock Tavern, was extremely sharp and rarely missed against a rugged foe.

Unbeaten in his last 11 outings over a five-year period, Joey is now 12-1-2.

Vincent's archrival, Taco Perez, looked better than in previous bout as he blasted out local challenger John Wayne Battle in the third round. Both weighed 151.

Perez, in his ninth start of the year, appeared to be dropped by a short right in round one, but referee Gen. David Hanlon ruled that Perez caught himself by grabbing the ropes. The Taco Kid immediately took after Battle, and it was toe-to-toe until midway through the third session, when Perez' devastating shots finally put away the stunned Battle for the full count. Perez is now 27-22-2.

Ross, the world's busiest battler appearing for the 12th time in 1975 alone, gained sweet revenge for his only loss when he pounded out a unanimous eight-round decision over Charlie Grimmett, 158, Miami. Ross, 151½, won his ninth straight and ran his overall mark to 18-1, and is a certain bet to be The Ring's middleweight Prospect of the Month.

Veteran Eugene Idlette, 191, Vero Beach, Fla., turned over a left hook at 0:35 of the first round to ice previously unbeaten Ed (Savage) Turner, 181, Orlando. In a six-rounder for the U.S. Hippie Heavyweight title, John Balla, 196, Orlando, stopped local rival Boyd Edwards, 195, in the second round.

A big amateur bout for the Southern welterweight title saw Scott Clark, 144, Orlando, get nipped by Terry Tuten, 139, Blackshear, Ga.


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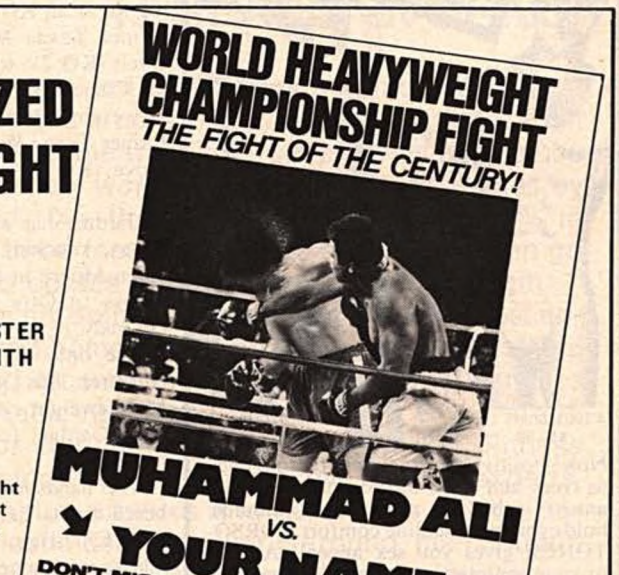


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## GOING NOWHERE THEN SOON BECOMING A TOP CONTENDER

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from 165 to 152 in those training sessions. He was taught better ways to fire his right cross, and soon learned the art of jabbing and hooking.

"Tony had a natural right hand," said McBride. "But, he needed to learn other things like jabbing and throwing a hard left hook. We taught him and now he can knock out a man with either hand."

Gardner has developed a style that could best be described as a cross between a Mando Ramos and Carlos Monzon. At a height of 6 feet, most people would think of Gardner as a jabbing and running type fighter.

But that is not the case. Like Monzon and Ramos, the blond belter moves in constantly behind a jarring left jab ready to explode with a KO laden right cross or left hook.

Thus far in his career, Gardner's style has proved flawless. Only four men out of the last seventeen opponents have made it past the fifth round.

Among those that Gardner has defeated are Mexican KO artist Sal Martinez (KO 3), former Texas Middleweight Champ Dave Birch (KO 2), tough light-heavyweight Ronnie Chicon (KO 3 & KO 7), Louisiana Welterweight Champion Emitt Atlas (KO 4), former Texas Welterweight Champ Joe Hargrove (KO 2) and veteran Bill Spicer (KO 6).

Gardner has also avenged two of his five losses, knocking out both Jimmy Jones and Allen Moore in the first round. (He avenged a loss to Otis Dyer before teaming with O'Grady.)

The only fighter besides Downey that Gardner has yet to avenge is No. 1 Middleweight contender Tony Licata. However, Gardner feels he can now beat both of these men.

The handsome Oklahoman's best remembered fights here were against "Ironman" Roy Christian. You probably won't find Christian's name in the record book, but the hard punching Canadian has traveled all over North America meeting contenders.

The first fight ended in a tenth round knockout for Gardner, but the second fight was perhaps the best ever seen in Oklahoma.

The fight was scheduled for fifteen rounds, and according to O'Grady, was recognized by various commissions for the North American Jr. Middleweight Title.

Both fighters suffered knockdowns and bad cuts during the match, but Gardner finally stopped the Canadian in, what else?, the final round.

"Tony Gardner is one of the hardest punchers I've ever faced," said Christian. "He hits harder than Dave Downey or Pat O'Connors combined."

Even Gardner's sparring partners have felt the babyfaced puncher's power. It is not uncommon in the gym to see a sparring partner sprawled on the canvas of the ring.

"Man, he don't hit like a middleweight, he thumps you like a heavyweight," moaned Rudy Jones, Gardner's chief sparring partner.

One Oklahoma City sportswriter, Tom Parker, calls Gardner the KO King. As Parker writes, "Few middleweights, or light-heavyweights have the KO power Tony Gardner carries in his fists. Still less have a better chance to win a world championship."

Parker isn't the only one in Oklahoma who thinks Gardner could win the title. Most fans call Gardner the hardest puncher they have ever seen.

One remarked, "At first, I didn't think he was such a hot shot—I mean, if you met him on the street, you wouldn't guess he was a fighter.

But once I saw him in action, I knew he was a fighter. He hits so hard. Sure, man, I think he will be a champion!"

But despite his sudden success, Gardner still remembers who made it all possible.

"The fans, writers and everyone have been real encouraging," said Gardner. "But Pat O'Grady is the man who made all this possible. He believed in me when no one else did.

"He has helped me so much, it's almost unreal. Without his encouragement and advice, I don't think I could have been anything. He made a fighter out of me."

O'Grady doesn't mince words when he talks about his hard punching prospect.

"He could be champion someday," said O'Grady. "We've matched him with tough veterans so he could learn. Well, needless to say, he has learned well.

"He keeps improving with every fight. I think in another couple of fights, he'll be ready for a shot at the title," O'Grady added.

That's where the comparison between Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid ends. O'Grady and Gardner don't plan on letting anything stop them from reaching their goal.

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## CASSIDY'S SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY TO FAME

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proved steadily — stopping welterweight contender Isaac Logart, in the fourth, to become the hottest welterweight prospect in America. The crowds got too big for his Sunnyside baliwick and he readied for his Garden bow.

Cassidy's reputation grew bigger — so large, in fact, that he couldn't find fights in the U.S. He went abroad and became victim of partisan officials. A sure victor against South African middleweight champ Johnny Wood, in Johannesburg, he found himself a points loser. He won so handily over top ranked Bo Hoeberg in Sweden, but the officials could only call it a draw.

Cassidy returned home but things failed to improve. He found himself the victor over then undefeated Gypsy Joe Harris, only to wind up the victim of an incredible injustice at the hands of the judges.

Disillusioned and dispondant, Cassidy looked over his career. A call came in for a fight in Europe. An elimination bout with the former world junior middleweight champ Sandro Mazzinghi. Finally he'd lucked out. A win would put him line for a world championship match. He trained like never before, and left with a new found sense of dedication.

When Cassidy arrived in Rome, he discovered posters had already been printed for the upcoming Mazzinghi — Kim fight. He should have known something foul was afoot. After battering Mazzinghi about the ring in the first, he was the victim of a butt in the second that caused the referee to jump in and stop it — awarding the Italian the match. The protests fell upon deaf ears.

The young Irishman was at the end of the road. The flight home was even longer than usual as thoughts of the blatant robbery weighed heavy on his mind. The small cut over the eye was nothing compared to the wound on his pride. He opened a bar on Long Island and decided to abandon the fight game.

Christmas day of 1968 was a pivotal one for Cassidy. His new born son Bob Jr., now a star ballplayer and Chris, football player, gave him the inspiration he needed. "I knew that they should have a father whom they could be proud of — I figured I've give it another shot."

Oddly it was a defeat that served as a springboard to success. He wound up a loser to former world welterweight champion Luis Rodriguez, in one of the most hotly disputed verdicts ever rendered. "It was then I knew I could handle the best," he says now. The fight was a revelation for Cassidy. For the first time he analyzed, objectively, his shortcomings. He realized he needed more stamina. He found he could have a scar tissue operation. He discovered he should move up a division.

Cassidy confered with Dr. Savino, and treatments for the eye were undertaken. He began to take marathon running to improve his stamina. He started to get bouts as a light-heavy.

When all seemed well and good, Cassidy was matched with Rodrigo Valdez, the current W.B.C. middleweight king. He was stopped late in the fight and everyone asked, "What happened?" A day later he was hospitalized with hepatitis.

Now Cassidy hit rock bottom. Mentally alert, he had to lay off for nearly a year — just as he felt himself peaking.

The comeback wasn't easy, but under the watchful care of manager Paddy Flood, Bobby made number one contender. "Flood is the best thing that's happaned to my career," he says of his manager. Cassidy defeated Don Fullmer and established himself with the defeats of Tom Hicks and Tom Bethea, the top ranked light-heavyweight.

He found himself in a pivotal three fight series with Jimmy Dupree. A disputed loss — with Dupree given a minute's rest after a mid-round knockdown, a draw and a Garden victory put him in line for an elimination match against Jorge Ahumada.

"I had walking pneumonia before the fight, but it was the semi-final to Ali and Frazier and I just couldn't refuse it." Cassidy went through with the fight and suffered an inevitable defeat.

Once more he flirted with retirement, when young Chris and Bob Jr. pulled him through again. Tear filled eyes greeted his return home. "Don't worry Dad," the boys consoled him, "you're *our* champ — we know you'll fight for the title some day."

On the road again, he scored a quick KO in Scranton and flattened Juan Aguilar, a former Argentine titleholder, in the first heat. Randy Stevens, John Girowski and Karl Zurheide followed in order. Finally a four round ditching of Ruben Figueroa — six straight with five KO's. "The power is there and I'm at my best," says Bobby.

Cassidy has no aversion to renewing the blood feud between the Irish and English with Conteh. "Look, I'm proud of my heritage — and I won't deny that this is a personal thing with a British champ."

Bobby makes no bones about admitting his grandfather was murdered in the Black and Tan insurrection. "I was named after him, so it would seem ironic if I were to defeat a Britisher for the title."

The up and down career hasn't left Bobby embittered. He still loves kids with a passion, and demanded the promoters lop off a dollar per head for all those under eighteen who attended his last bouts in Commack.

Paddy Flood has had offers of $50,000 for Cassidy to bring his lofty rating to South Africa, and there are promoters urging him to take fights with comebacking Bob Foster, Carlos Monzon and Victor Galindez.

Mickey Duff wants a Conteh — Cassidy fight for London's fall season, and Tito Lectoure wants him to face Galindez in Buenos Aires. But Flood's faith in promoter Don King remains steadfast. "I know there will be a colossol card in Manila this October between Ali-Frazier, and maybe Conteh — Cassidy, I hope."

For Bobby Cassidy, a long distance runner, the championship will mark the end of his longest marathon. 50 fights, three continents, a dozen years and a million dreams later — Robert Cassidy will find that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow — the light-heavyweight championship of the world. Its one race he vows to win.

## IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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Employing his usual tactics, of hit, slip, slide and move, Famoso confused Hererra enough to take six rounds. The ex banty king started off well, using an aggressive style, but faded after the fifth.

There were no knockdowns and neither boxer was in any serious trouble.

Referee Dick Young voted 7-3; judges George Latka, 5-3 and Rudy Jordan, 5-4.

In a second 10-rounder, Fernando Cabanela, 120, Manila, P.I., dropped Famosito Gomez, 119, Mexico City, three times enroute to a one sided decision.

Cabanela gave Famoso's younger brother a solid drubbing in the first six rounds, then coasted for an easy win.

Newcomer Eliseo Cosme, 118½, Mexico City, was impressive in winning over Alberto Davila, 117½, Pomona, in their 10-rounder.

Davila, a fine boxer, never got a chance to display his talents as he was too busy defending himself against the hard socking Cosme.

The crowd was 4873 and the gate was $31,$57.

LOS ANGELES — Gerardo Aceves, 126, Tijuana, a look alike to ex lightweight champ Mando Ramos, stormed out of his corner in the first round and showed the folks at the Olympic Auditorium that they were in for a short main event.

Connecting with lefts and rights, he knocked out Kid Pabanlag, 126, Manila, P.I., after 1:28 of the second round.

Aceves will bear watching as his is a comer. This was win number 16.

Claude Durden, 132, Los Angeles, dec. over Bobby Larsen, 132, Los Angeles, (6); Gary Ferrari, 123, Los Angeles, dec. over Lino Casillas, 120½, Mexico, (6); Zeferino Gonzalez, 145, Montebello, dec. over Carmelo Cruz, 145½, Los Angeles, (4); Rufino Hernandez, 120, East L.A., dec. over Jose Orantes, 121½, Los Angeles, (6).

The turnout numbered 2100 and the gate, $2,144.

▲SAN DIEGO — Engaging in his second main event, unbeaten Rudy Hernandez of Stanton (Cal.) proved to be too strong for Arturo Leon, 134½, Tucson, in promoter Mickey Davies' feature event at the Coliseum.

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## FOUR CONTINENTAL TITLE HOLDERS LOSE LEADERSHIP

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Bayonne: Jean Mateo, France, kayoed Spanish champion Jose Hernandez with a right to body in round two. It was the Frenchman's sixth win in succession. Mateo will soon have to report for National Service with the French army.

Palma Rodriguez Figueroa retained his Spanish bantamweight title beating Jose Rodriguez Jeronimo, TKO 9. Featherweight. Rodriguez Jeronimo outscored Rodriguez Castillo, eight.

Mataro: Bentamweight. Antonio Donoso decisioned Pedro Pinto II, eight. Valeriano Morales outscored Andre Ramos, eight.

Santa Cruz: Ramon Garcia Marichal drew with Gitano Jiminez over twelve rounds and remains Spanish featherweight champion. Heavyweight. Fermin outscored Francisco Lopez Barrilado, eight.

Tarrasa: Lightweight. Francisco Gomez beat Haddu Manan, who retired with a cut eye in round six. Bantamweight. Angel Oliver and Abdelkader Esmain drew their six rounder.

Bilbao: Junior welterweight. Marcos Paperito beat Fierrito Fernandez, TKO5. Welterweight. Dum Dum Pacheco and Mario Molina drew their eight rounder. Bantamweight. Fernando Bernandez beat Pedro Mollendo, KO 5.

Valencia: Junior welterweight. Perico Fernandez outscored Frank Medina, eight. Heavyweight, Antonio Fuente decisioned Jose Antonio Galvez, eight. Featherweight. Julio Rubio outscored Antonio Tenza, eight. Welterweight. Jamed Mimouin Jalifa outpointed Jose Murillo, six.

Miranda de Ebro: Rodolfo Sanchez won the Spanish junior lightweight title outscoring champion, Miguel Molleda, twelve. Junior welterweight. Fernando Sanchez beat Horacio Ruiz, TKO 4.

Barcelona: Jose Gomez Fouz, Spain, retained his European junior welterweight title outpointing Italian, Romano Fanalli, Italy, fifteen.

Madrid: Junior lightweight. Rodolfo Sanchez and Gitano Jiminez drew their eight rounder. Light heavyweight. Jose Antonio Galvez and Alejandro Cardoso drew a eight rounder.

### FRANCE

Compiegne: Junior middleweight. Pierre Lefabvre outscored Giovanni De Vita, six.

Paris: Jean Claude Warusfel held on to his French junior middleweight title drawing with Gerard Nesley, twelve. Middleweight. Philippe Jacques drew with Carl Speare, Britain, eight. Junior welterweight. Claude Lormeau decisioned Saladin Tebessi, six.

Courbevoie: Bantamweight. Achene Mahammedi outscored Jacky Bihin, eight.

Metz: Welterweight. Jacky Peraire outscored Claude Wrobel six. Middleweight. Idrisa Konate outscored Georges Lemmer, six.

Quievrechian: Junior lightweight. Jean Pierre Younsi outscored Jean Claude Lafarge, eight. Didier Kowalski decisioned Christian Lancery, six.

Annecy: Junior welterweight. Jean Saadli outpointed Jean Baptiste Piedvache, ten. It was his first defeat in 32 fights. Pierre Petit decisioned Jacques Mamane, eight. Lightweight. Antoine Lasala beat Raymond Libbrecht, TKO 6.

Charleville: Light heavyweight. Christian Poncelet beat Hans Dieter Schwartz, TKO 7.

Paris: Middleweight. Francois Rodriguez beat Roger Lobiois. TKO 5.

Soissono: Andre Holyk held on to his French light weight title drawing twelve rounds with 33 year old Raymond Dauteuille a fighter who has had over a hundred bouts.

St. Maur: Juniorwelterweight. Jean Baptiste Piedvache beat Luciano Laffranchi who retired with a cut eye in round eight.

Marseilles: Junior welterweight. Robert Gambini decisiones Miguel Araujo, eight.

### HOLLAND

Rotterdam: Ben Zwerzerijnen retained his Dutch junior middleweight title beating Fighting Mack, KO 3. Heavyweight Hennie Thoonen beat Ireno Werleman. KO 1.

Amsterdam: Welterweight. Aarie Huussen making his debut as a professional beat Eddie Machen, TKO 5. Lightweight. Gus Bleus, also having his first paid fight, beat Kid Village, TKO 4.

### NORWAY

Oslo: Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway, held on to European junior lightweight crown outpointing Italian, Antonio Puddu, fifteen. Heavyweight. Bunny Johnson decisioned Ray Anderson, eight.

### LUXEMBOURG

Clemente Tsinza drew a ten rounder with British welterweight, Henry Rhiney. One official scored it for Rhiney, one made it a draw and the Luxembourg judge had Tsinza in front by three rounds. Junior middleweight. Giovanni De Vita decisioned Gerard Skolnik, six.

### BELGIUM

Antwerp: Heavyweight. Jean Pierre Coopman beat Terry Daniels, USA the latter being disqualified in round seven for alledged butting. Fernand De Ruyter outscored Ireno Werleman, six. Junior welterweight. Frank Albertus beat Filippo Rochi, TKO 5.

La Louvierre: Middleweight. Bernard Artone outscored Jean Claude Midoux, six.

Stockay: Welterweight. Michel Stini outscored Eric Seys, eight.

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Zelzate: Junior lightweight. Rudi Haek met Jean Pierre Hinault and the fight was declared no contest when the lights went out at the end of round four.

### YUGOSLAVIA

Opatija: Middleweight. Mate Parlov having his first paid bout, beat Dante Lazzari, KO 3. 27 year-old, Parlov, Yugoslavia, was the 1972 Olympic winner, amateur world champion 1974 and European light heavyweight champion 1973. Junior welterweight. Everaldo Costa Azevedo decisioned Pietro Ceru, eight. Featherweight. Mario Redi drew with Nevio Carbi, six. Junior middleweight. Johnny Griffo beat Roy Kaba, TKO 1.

### GERMANY

Berlin: A crowd of 1800, one hundred Germans and the remainder Turks living in Berlin, filled the New World venue to Cemal Kamaci and Etham Ozakalin from Turkey, in bouts on the programme. Cemal Kamaci beat former German lightweight champion, Klaus Jacobi, KO 2. Lightweight. Ozakalin beat 39 year old, Boualem Belouard, Tunis' over four rounds. Junior Middleweight. Franz Csandl, Austria, beat Alfred Fries, TKO 4. Middleweight. Rene Zeller, Germany, beat Fernando Bankaert, Belgium, KO 1. Middleweight. Dieter Klay, Germany, outpointed Giampaolo Piaras, over six rounds.

Berlin: Eckhard Dagge, Germany, won the European junior middleweight title beating champion, Jose Duran, Spain, the latter retiring in round nine. Middleweight. Gregory Downs, Barbados, decisioned Uwe Meineke, Germany, four rounds. Lightweight. Boualem Belouard, Tunis, decisioned Jose Rios, Puerto Rico, four rounds. Heavyweight. Ngozika Ekwelum, Nigeria, beat Ray Anderson, USA. KO 5. Heavyweight champion of Germany, Bernd August, beat American, Wendell Newton, the latter being disqualified in round three for constant holding. Welterweight. Miguel Velazquez, Spain, outscored Esperno Postl, Austria, six rounds.

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6-Frazier got a raw deal from the poll. He split his two fights with Ali, and very likely made it two straight.

7-Johnson was the greatest heavyweight, a fact shouted through the years by the late Nat Fleischer.

8-Jeffries was the hardest hitter.

9-The poll grossly under-rated Marciano, who was entitled to a spot among the top three, a hard puncher always in shape.

10-It was a rotten deal for Jim Corbett, who would have outboxed them all, Ali included.

11-Ali's humor, loquacity, high position among the black men of the United States, in of the world, gave boxing a dignity it never before possessed.

12-Failure of the Top Ten poll to make Ali better than No. 9, demonstrates its racism.

13-Jack Dempsey was the greatest heavyweight. He would have stopped Ali in four or five rounds, perhaps sooner.

14-The entire poll was a mistake because it tried to judge fighters of the 25 round era against heavies of the 15 round era.

Of course, the Top Ten cannot, at this time, be revised even if there were any occasion for changing it.

A remarkable incidence of letters from female sources have come in. Some of the notes signed Mrs. would be disturbing to their husbands. Letters from youngsters have been frequent.

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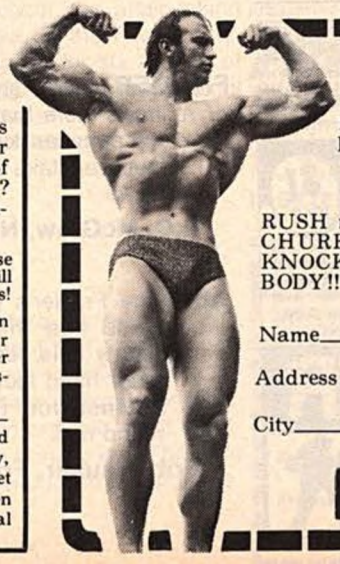

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## RING READERS PICK MUHAMMAD ALI

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**ALI**—I pick Muhammad Ali by a decision. Ali has learned to cope with Frazier's attack and throws about 10 punches to Joe's one.

**Tom Pellis, Wayne, N.J.**

**ALI**—Muhammad has style. This is what makes him the champ. Frazier has guts but no class. Muhammad on a decision.

**Philip Pulisciano, Corona, L.I.**

**FRAZIER**—Joe will hit Ali on the button, like in the 15 rounds of their first fight in the Garden. This time Joe will tag him in an earlier round and put him down for good.

**Yul Riker, Honolulu, Hawaii**

**FRAZIER**—There is nobody in the world better than Frazier. He won the first bout and was robbed in the second. This time he'll knockout Ali, leaving no room for another Ali decision.

**Billy Williams, Dallas, Texas**

**ALI**—Muhammad is too big and strong for Frazier. Nobody boxes like Ali and no one can ever do for boxing what he has done. Ali is just too much of a man for Joe, who in another time would have been very popular himself.

**Pat Fritzsimmons, Brooklyn, N.Y.**

**ALI**—No Black man has done as much for his people as Ali. I feel that God is on his side and he will come out on top.

**Ben Said, Turkey**

**FRAZIER**—Joe's style of pressure boxing is more than Ali can cope with. He punches too hard and has too much upstairs and heart to lose to an Ali.

**P.C. McGraw, North Bergen, N.J.**

**ALI**—Joe Frazier's legs are gone. One could see this in his bout with Jimmy Ellis, last March. Ali on the other hand looked in tip top shape against Joe Bugner. Ali via 15 round nod.

**Fritz Hauser, Frankfurt, Germany**

**ALI**—Muhammad just too fast afoot for Frazier to catch him. Ali will dance Joe right into the ground.

**Les Trotman, Johannesburg, South Africa**

**FRAZIER**—Ali can run, run, run, but sooner or later he will have to fight Frazier to win. When this time comes, Joe's punches will knock Ali dead.

**Peter Wyler, Spartanburg, S.C.**

**ALI**—To watch Ali-Frazier again is like seeing Laurel & Hardy of boxing going at it for the third dull time. The first two were nothing and this one less. But I'll pick the lesser of the two, Ali.

**James Knichel, Wyckoff, N.J.**

**ALI**—I pick Muhammad to win by a TKO over Frazier. Ali will cut Frazier up and the referee will halt the bout.

**Juan Sanchez, Panama City, Panama**

**FRAZIER**—Smokey Joe hates Ali with a passion. This will stir him up and he will put Ali on the deck for the count before the 10th round.

**Jimmy Walters, Denver, Colo.**

**FRAZIER**—Ali is boxing too much against bums. You fight enough bums you become one. Frazier has boxed the best. Win lose or draw he's still my man.

**Rudy Gonza, Manila, Philippines**

**ALI**—Mr. Ali is a great boxer and Mr. Frazier a great puncher. I see a great fight with Muhammad Ali winning on points.

**Takeo Sakuari, Tokyo, Japan**

**ALI**—Muhammad's jab will be in Frazier's face all night. Joe doesn't have the speed to match with Ali. The fight will go the distance with Ali gaining the decision.

**Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.**

**ALI**—Frazier is going to be blasted out of the ring by the greatest fighter of all-time, Muhammad Ali. Ali is going to sting like a bee until Frazier quits.

**Oliver White, San Francisco, Calif.**

**FRAZIER**—Joe is a nice man and a good American. He is a credit not only to his race but to the human race. The fates will be on his side on Oct. 1, in Manila.

**Matt Judge, New Orleans, La.**

## OLD BROADWAY

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Benny Bass, former junior lightweight champion, was the latest fatality in the boxing world. The former junior lightweight champion, who worked in the traffic court in his hometown, Philadelphia, had been ill with reported several heart attacks. We'll never forget his bid for the vacant featherweight crown against the late Tony Canzoneri in Madison Square Garden, when he scored a knockdown in one of the early rounds but lost the duke. Benny did capture the junior lightweight crown when he kayoed Tod Morgan in two rounds in the Garden, but himself lost his championship when he was kayoed by Kid Chocolate in seven rounds in Philadelphia's Shibe Park in 1931. Bass, who was born on Dec. 4, 1904, was 71 years old.

Our managerial boxing friend, Eddie Mafuz, was all thrilled when his Argentine heavyweight, Raul Gerosito, went ten rounds and made a fine showing in his losing scrap with Joe Frazier's Duane Bobick, which was staged in the Civic Center in Minneapolis, attended by 9,500 with a gate of $73,000. "We lost the decision but my man made a good fight and I believe he'll do great from now on, especially as he has scaled down from 246 to 200 pounds," Mafuz told us. For their Minneapolis fight, Raul scaled at 199 while Bobick weighed 215 pounds. At the Garden fights, Gerosito put up a good scrap.

Mafuz, who has a restaurant in Harlem, has been managing fighters for sometime, and besides the Argentinian, is looking after Jose Rodriguez, welterweight favorite from New York, and several other lads who look like future prospects.

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Little Petey Hayes, featherweight, near his 64th birthday, has finally clarified his family's background and the family name mixup. The Hayes business started when his brother Johnny, a good featherweight in 1915 who fought until 1925, took up boxing. Then came Pete Mancuso, a lightweight, who married into the Hayes family, whose original name was Ferrara. Then came Petey, who assumed the name of his brother-in-law and also called himself Petey Hayes.

Petey, the featherweight, was the standout of the three. Besides whipping Kid Chocolate in a ten rounder in Ebbets Field in 1934, he also clashed with the best. Says he opposed Al Roth, a better than ordinary fighter, three times, and won them all. Lost and drew with Mike Belloise, one time NBA featherweight king. . .Clashed with Pete DeGrasse, the Florida Indian, four times, and also hooked up with Lew Burston's crack bantam champion from Norway, Pete Sanstol, a big favorite in New York rings.

Petey explained the story about the Hayes gang in boxing. His brother was married to Frances, while the other Petey Hayes, right monicker Pete Mancuso, married his sister Margaret, one of the original Ferrara's. Petey Ferrara, after his fistic days were over, legalized his fighting name as Petey Hayes.

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Severio Turiello, the welterweight gladiator who was born in Milan, Italy, and came to this country to become a popular ring man, was a visitor to the Felt Forum when the Garden fighters were holding their afternoon workouts. Turiello, who boxed from 1936 to 1943, was managed by the late Solly King, and also was in the night club business. Severio and his wife Margaret are still living in New York, and he is still a fight fan and entertains many of his old pals from the old country at his night club spot, the Piccolo Club, at 53rd St. and 2nd Avenue.

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Felix Bocchicchio, former manager of former heavyweight king "Jersey" Joe Walcott, who lived in Camden, N.J., passed away at the age of 68. After "Jersey" Joe lost his crown to Rocky Marciano, Felix disappeared from the fight scene.

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Our good friend, Lou Jallos, who was a performer in his day when he lived in Cleveland and later became a part of the boxing setup in Detroit, has never lost touch with the sport. He recently wrote that he was third man in the ring in Detroit when Muhammad Ali showed up for some sparring bouts in behalf of Shaw College, a black school, the affair taking place at the Olympia, in the Flivver City. All-told, Jallos officiated for six rounds of the exhibitions put up by the heavyweight king. All moneys taken in went to the school and Ali paid his own expenses. Jallos is quite an asset to the Queensberry sport.

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FOOTNOTE **Before the triple header last June reports had it that Harold Valan and Zach Clayton were mentioned for the referee job for the heavyweight title bout. Who spread the rumors and what eventually happened we don't know. The third man eventually proved to be a Japanese.


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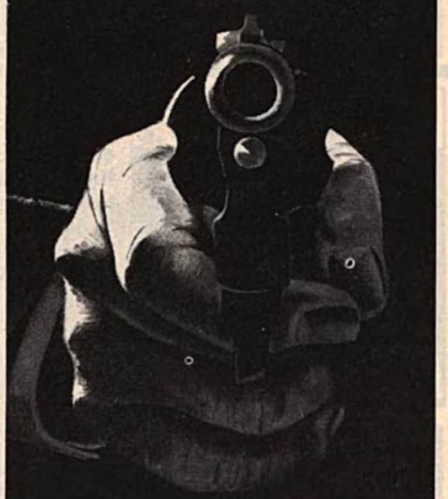

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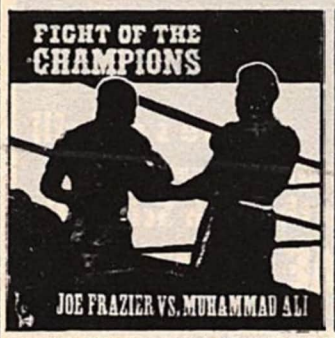


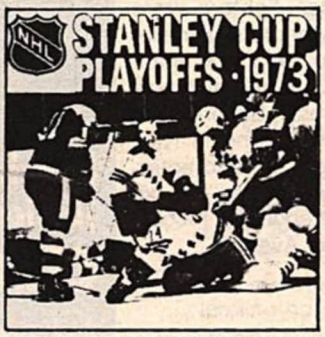


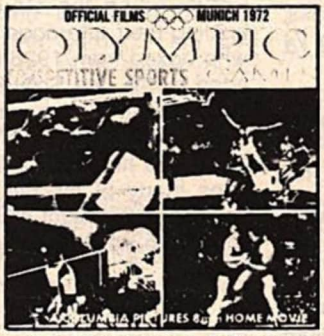

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